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Subject: PDE01587_RE : Objection to proposed planning Aireborough - Coach Road HG2-5 (1180A, 1311A, 2163A), Shaw Lane/Banksfield HG2-3 (1255B) and Wills Gill HG2-2 (3029)
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Dear Sirs

RE : Objection to proposed planning Aireborough - Coach Road HG2-5 (1180A, 1311A, 2163A), Shaw Lane/Banksfield HG2-3 (1255B) and Wills Gill HG2-2 (3029)

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I wish to submit an objection to the proposed housing developments above. I am not satisfied that enough public consultation was provided to make local residents aware of these plans throughout the process. Most of the information I have managed to gain has been from the Aireborough Neighbourhood Development Forum and Aireborough Voice members and not directly from Leeds City Council.

There are so many sites, in addition to those quoted above, marked for development which are located in close proximity to each other. There appears to have been a lack of close working relationship between the adjoining Councils on any cross-boundary strategy policies. If agreed the sites through from Horsforth, through Aireborough and Apperley Bridge would all have a huge negative impact on the local infrastructure and roads and it does not appear that this has been taken into consideration by Leeds and Bradford City Councils.

Each new residential property agreed will bring additional people into the Aireborough district but there are no new doctor or dental surgeries planned to accommodate this. Where will all the new residents work as there are no new businesses/employers being encouraged? Where will any children go to school as the current local schools are full. This can only get worse for new residents who will also have to travel out of the area to their places of employment or education as there are limited opportunities in the local vicinity. Will we be looking at further planning requests on yet more Green Belt land to cover this issue as an afterthought in the future?

Should the plans be granted, the proposed sites would result in urban sprawl and would destroy the communities and further erode the distinctive borders between the three individual towns within Aireborough. Many, many new houses have been built in Aireborough over the last few decades, mainly using old mill and brown field sites. Other than the swimming pool in Guiseley there have been no new leisure facilities for the ever increasing population, again proving a current lack of foresight regarding provision of infrastructure.

On the figures I have been provided, nearly 1000 properties have already been built or given planning consent since 2012 in Aireborough. To meet the Leeds Local Development plan target for our community of 2300 homes a total of 93% of these will have to be built on Green Belt land. Has a full Green Belt review been completed? Are there no other brownfield sites across Leeds that could be utilised? If there are absolutely no other alternatives, would it not be prudent to use smaller percentages of Green Belt land across numerous sites to limit the impact on single communities?

I live directly across from the proposed site at Wills Gill. Anyone who has viewed the proposed sites can see their natural beauty and that of the surrounding areas. There have recently been new houses created off Queensway, a road that is already very busy and is used by everyone as an alternative to the A65 which runs parallel to it and is even more congested. On top of this, Carlton Lane (where I live) which was originally used for farm vehicles and horses and has been used as a 'rat run' at peak times and is already very dangerous to walk or ride on, it being a very narrow lane in places with no pavement. I struggle to get my car out of the drive due to the amount of traffic and have on a number of occasions had my garden wall bumped as cars try to pass each other. I can only see this getting worse with the proposed site at Wills Gill and Banksfield. Access to this site would also cause many issues. Town Street in Guiseley usually has parked vehicles on both sides of the road, creating blind spots and difficulties in two way traffic passing.

On top of this Wills Gill is a site that has both historical interest and is one rich in wildlife, with deer and birds of prey often being seen in the fields that are threatened with development. It is used by the local community for walks, horse riding and other outdoor pursuits which would be severely compromised if houses are allowed.

I moved to my house due to its semi-rural position, for the peace, tranquillity and the views. Whilst I have no objection to houses being built, I feel the current proposals would adversely affect the local community and the large percentage of the building target being allocated to Green Belt land cannot be in the best interests of Aireborough as a whole. I feel more consideration needs to be given to brownfield sites, the impact of the many suggested plans in the area (housing targets, airport link roads) and the lack of infrastructure that seems to have been discussed.

Regards

Mrs Sandra Jeacock

