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I wish to make my views known in relation to possible future housing sites in Bramhope (I've been unable to navigate the procedure via the website www.leeds.gov.uk/your city).

Comments below refer particularly to sites HG2 - 17 (1080, 3367A, 3367B), ie Breary Lane East and Leeds Road, Bramhope, LS 16.

The A660 trunk road, from the centre of Leeds to Bramhope, Otley and beyond, has become increasingly busy in recent years. Journey times over the 10 miles through the 'Headingley bottleneck' are often much increased because of high traffic density. Sixty years ago there was just 1 set of traffic lights between Bramhope and the city centre (at North Lane, Headingley); now there are 23, although many of these are pedestrian crossings. Building over 400 houses in Bramhope will surely place more than 500 extra vehicles close to the A660, and the majority of new householders will be attracted to Leeds for work, shopping and leisure, on the already overcrowded highway. The illogicality of allowing this further housing development is self-evident, by this measure alone.

Unfortunately, Leeds is now the largest population centre in Great Britain without a tram/light rail/underground railway system (think Liverpool, Manchester, Tyneside, Sheffield, Nottingham, etc) to make a significant contribution to moving its citizens in and out of the centre. In the current economic climate, even limited progress in this direction isn't even on the horizon. One effect of further housing development in Bramhope, will be a negative impact on the lives of thousands of travelling Leeds residents for decades to come.

Thank you in advance for reading this submission.