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Dear Sir/ Madam,

I am writing to you to voice my objections to the proposed developments in the Aireborough area and in particular the following sites in Guiseley :-

HG 2 - 5 (COACH ROAD sites)

HG 2 - 6 (SILVERDALE ALLOTMENT site)

In my opinion, there several reasons why these sites are unsuitable for development and I have listed these below.

* A65 main road into Leeds - there is a high volume of traffic already using this road and any further increase can only be detrimental to the area it serves. Would it not

be better to complete any on going developments i.e. High Royds and Kirstall and see the effect that this increase of traffic has on the area before adding more

and more pressure to an already overloaded system. A congested road such as the A65 can only serve to deter business and investment to the area, as the

increased volume of traffic can only lead to increased travel times into Leeds and this could deter commuters from wanting to make the journey..

The fact that ' you can never say a roadway is full ' - a quote from one of your staff at the drop in meeting at Guiseley Methodist Church is ridiculous. If you have ever

experienced amount of traffic in Guiseley (and someone from the planning department should before making any decisions) on a weekend or at rush hour, you will know

that this road is at capacity so much so that many people, including myself avoid driving and so avoid shopping in the area at these times not good for he local

economy ! Apparently certain developers have recently undertaken a traffic volume survey, but as this was taken during school holiday time, when we all know that the

volume of traffic is greatly reduced at these times. I hope these figures are not relied on to represent the true facts.

*Access onto and exit from the estate. - The one and only 'proper' entry and exit road onto the estate is a narrow crowded road, made worse in recent years by planning

permission being given for a detached house to be built and a house conversion to flats both at the 'entrance' to the estate. This in turn has caused more cars

to park on or near the junction with the Park Road (B 6153) making it difficult for cars to exit the estate (there are regular queues each day) and almost impossible

for large deliveries and more importantly the emergency services to gain access. Rumour has it that the only other possible access is the unadopted Coach Road,

but as the part of this road is owned by the residents of Esholt Ave (Bradford Council) is this likely? It would seem then that you expect all the extra traffic

which will be created from the proposed new homes and school would enter and exit at the

junction of Silverdale Avenue and Park Road.

This will be an accident (or several accidents) just waiting to happen !

* Green Belt - The proposed Coach Road development (HG2 - 5) is Green Belt Land. Surely Green Belt land was so named for a reason. Is Green Belt land not

protected ? How can Green Belt Land be built on? Are we not duty bound to protect this type of land and in so doing protect the wildlife which inhabits these

areas ? At the Drop In meeting we were constantly told that the amount of 'Green Belt' land being considered for new home building was " only 3%". If 3% of

Green Belt land is allowed to be used in this round of intensive house building how much will you allow to be used in the next round and the next and so on?

How long before there is no Green Belt left to pass onto future generations. Surely as a council you should endeavour to use any and all brown field sites before

considering the easy option of green field sites.

After the recent destruction of part of the Silverdale Allotments (HG 2 - 6) -an action which makes a mockery of home holders requiring permission from the Council

to trim or remove trees from their own gardens , and one which has been allowed to leave the area looking like a bomb site. An action which has had a devastating

effect on the local wildlife as many of the natural habitats were destroyed, can you really justify causing more destruction to nature by allowing building on the

Coach Road green field site ? This area which has been described by Historic England as 'unsound' for development because of its historical relevance provides

habitat for many wildlife creatures , both large and small. In this day and age we need more than ever to protect areas such as this they are becoming few

and far between, and once gone they will be gone forever.

If the Silverdale allotment area needs developing, and after recently being left in such a bad state, something needs to be done. Why not rejuvenate the area by

re-opening allotments? There is certainly a need for allotments in the area. Several families including my own would all be interested in taking an allotment if

this were to happen.

Finally, when we moved to Guiseley over 25 years ago, we bought our house because of its situation - close to fields, country walks GREEN BELT LAND. In doing so

we paid a higher price. If building goes ahead , many of homes like ours will find themselves in the middle of an estate and not on the edge of Green Belt. Will we all

receive some form of compensation when our house prices fall ? just as some homes in Guiseley have done due to the proximity of the many new homes which have

been built in the area over the past few years

Thank you for taking the time to read my comments I hope that in some way they will help you to make a decision which will please all Guiseley residents.

Mrs J.A.Munnings.