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Subject: PDE01763_FW: RE: You have a new Enquiry from Web
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FYI - comments on LDF as well as a reply for info

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-----Original Message-----

From: Dev. Dept. Enquiry Centre
Sent: 13 November 2015 16:11
To:
Subject: RE: RE: You have a new Enquiry from Web

Dear Mr Capp,

Thank you for your email. The Council is consulting on a site allocation plan for Leeds at the moment, please see the link below.
[http://www.leeds.gov.uk/council/Pages/Site-Allocations-Development-Plan-Document-\(LDF\).aspx](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/council/Pages/Site-Allocations-Development-Plan-Document-(LDF).aspx)

The Site Allocations Plan will identify sites to ensure that sufficient land is available in appropriate locations to meet the growth targets set out in the Core Strategy. The Plan is a key document in the Local Plan (or Local Development Framework) for Leeds in identifying specific allocations for housing, employment, retail and greenspace from 2012 to 2028

What has been done so far?

The plan has to go through various stages in its preparation:

- The first stage was the Issues and Options.
 - Public consultation on the Issues and Options took place from June to July 2013.
 - Received over 7,000 representations (objections or support for sites) in the consultation.
 - A report on the public consultation was presented to Development Plan Panel in December 2013.
- To access the previous Site Allocations Plan - Issues and Options consultation material see the related pages section.

Next Stage - Publication Draft Consultation

The Site Allocations Plan Publication Draft, is now subject to formal public consultation from September until 5pm 16 November 2015. There has been a number of drop-in sessions within different communities across the district.

There is still opportunity for you to comment on the plan in more detail if you would like to do so, using the link above. I have taken the liberty of passing your comments on to the team collating comments on the site allocation plan

Kind Regards
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Please note that this is an officer opinion only and the advice is given without prejudice to any future formal consideration of the matter by the City Council and without prejudice to the Council's consideration and determination of any application that may be submitted.

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<http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/PpApplications/genpub/en/CreateApplication>

Your City, Your Plan Working with you to find the best places for new homes, jobs, retail and greenspace. Leeds has prepared its 16 year development plan for the whole of the city, including where you live. Consultation on the plan takes place from 22 September to 16 November. To have your say visit: [www.leeds.gov.uk/council/Pages/Site-Allocations-Development-Plan-Document-\(LDF\).aspx](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/council/Pages/Site-Allocations-Development-Plan-Document-(LDF).aspx)

I have only recently been alerted by 'Alec Shelbrooke MP' to Leeds City Council's proposal to build 5,000 new homes in and around my home town of Garforth. I have received no letter, no phone call or any other method of consultation on this matter from Leeds City Council, even though I have lived and worked locally in Garforth for over 7 years.

As a council tax payer and electoral registered local resident I would have assumed (no, demanded!) that I would have been fully consulted on a critical matter such as a large scale housing development being planned on my doorstep and, as such, been asked to voice my opinions and concerns: Disappointingly, this clearly hasn't been the case, which is why I write to you at this late stage to raise the following concerns...

1. What consideration has been taken with regards to the road infrastructure in and around Garforth? At present the town struggles with the weight of traffic through the A63 and on Liggett Lane and other adjoining roads, which are busy pretty much 24 hours a day 7 days a week – I know this as I live 50ft away from the A63. What would the situation be with an extra 5,000 (minimum) cars commuting around this area? In my opinion it would be total complete and utter gridlock and further traffic misery to an already overstretched local road network. How will Leeds City Council meet this challenge?
2. What consideration has been taken with regards to medical services in Garforth? There is a reasonably small clinic located within Garforth but would imagine that an increase of 5,000 plus new residence would bring the medical services to collapse. How will Leeds City Council meet this challenge?
3. What consideration has been taken with regards to educational services in Garforth? As I understand it, the schools are running to full capacity at present, so what would another 5,000 (potential) new students do to the current high standards of the educational services within Garforth. How will Leeds City Council meet this challenge?
4. Building 5,000 new homes will decimate the beauty of the local countryside, which currently has many health and wellbeing benefits for local residence. I for one carry out many walks and enjoy long distance running around my local area, whilst enjoying the peace and tranquillity of this wonderful countryside. To have this taken away would be a huge loss. How will Leeds City Council meet this challenge?
5. What consideration to the local residence has been taken with regards to the disruption of daily life while all this building work is being carried out. How will Leeds City Council meet this challenge?
6. Refuse collection. With an increase of 5,000 plus new residences, how will all the refuse and household waste be managed? How will Leeds City Council meet this challenge?

From what I understand this seems like a plan to build houses for the sake of building houses to meet Leeds City Council's/Government's agenda with little or no thought to the "knock-on effects" of carrying out such actions or any forethought to the wellbeing of both those who currently live in

Garforth and those who may purchase one of these 5,000 new properties. The end result without proper planning, consideration and mitigation for all the risks (and I am fully aware that I have not listed them all) I mention above will be a congested, concrete jungle with over stretched local services and an infrastructure that will crumble under the strain, which will make Garforth a thoroughly miserable place to live. How will Leeds City Council meet this challenge?

I await an answer.

Regards,

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