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Dear Sirs,

Apart from 9 years following our marriage in 1974 my wife and I have lived in Aireborough for the whole of our lives , I from 1946 and my wife from 1947. From 1946 to 1952 I lived in Yeadon and from then on,save as referred to, I have lived in Guiseley. My wife lived in Rawdon until 1974 and from 1983 we have been at our present address 2, Claremont ,Kelcliffe Lane, Guiseley, LS20 9DD.

In am sending these representations by e-mail with a hard copy in the post so that you have my e-mail address and because I do not feel the response form enables me to set out my views in sufficiently coherent detail.

I consider that the proposed allocations are almost all unsound. Rather than go into each individually I can register my support for the representations made by Ian Smith, the Historic Environment Planning Adviser of Heritage England ,in his communication of the 21st. October 2015.

I believe that permission has been given in the past few years for over 2000 new houses in the Guiseley area if one includes the High Royds estate. Certainly within the last five years the new developments on the Crompton Parkinson site, the fields opposite Moon's Mill, the Springfield Road development and the new estates adjoining Queensway have had a cumulative detrimental effect on the quality of life of the inhabitants of Guiseley.

The infrastructure is simply not coping with the increasing population. The roads, particularly the A65 and Queensway are often gridlocked. The lack of parking sites means that at peak times it is increasingly difficult to move along highways which are clogged with on street parking (including the A65!). This overlaps with the difficulties encountered because streets near the Schools , particularly Guiseley Primary , are for most of the time full of parked cars. Incidents of road rage increase and I fear that soon someone will be seriously injured or worse. This is happening now but can only get worse if the School populations have to increase because of thousands of new residents arriving. At consultation meetings about both educational provision and the site allocations I have been extremely disappointed at the apparent lack of consultation which goes on between the Housing, Highways and Educational Departments of Leeds City Council in addressing these problems.

I have seen no proposals for an improvement in the road structure other than ideas about an airport link which will not really affect Guiseley. The airport, to move to another point, is really the only potentially major employment expansion possibility in Aireborough. The new residents who will arrive following the proposed housing allocations will have to travel to work in Leeds (probably mainly in East Leeds), Bradford or further afield,therefore exacerbating existing travel difficulties. There will be even more difficulty in seeing a Doctor or Dentist in a reasonable time. The current situation is much worse than five years ago.

If there was no alternative to increasing Aireborough's population I would have to rethink my objection to the allocation proposals even though they do impinge on green space but I believe there are many alternatives. There are numerous brownfield sites in other areas of Leeds which are not being considered for housing. I then read in the Yorkshire Evening Post on the 26th October 2015 that there are over 5,000 empty properties in Leeds . As I travel round Leeds I also see countless derelict industrial sites which can surely make way for new housing therefore ' protecting our green space ' as Councillor Lewis has been quoted as advocating.

I have discussed this situation with numerous friends and acquaintances and there is unanimous objection to the current site allocations. Unfortunately a great many people will not send in their objections because 'there is no point as the Council will do what it wants anyway'. I urge the Inspector to come to a conclusion which accords with the wishes of the majority and with common sense rather than the misguided opinions of Leeds City Council which. I believe , has put forward proposals for more new housing than any other major city in the UK.

Yours sincerely,

William M. Hudson