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Site Allocation Plans : Aireborough, Plan references: HG2-1 to HG2-12

After looking at the site plans for the Aireborough area it becomes apparent that the soundness of these sites is poor.

Many of these sites use green belt land which not only removes the future use of this land it also merges settlements and takes away the local identity of each of the areas.

The character of the area and the landscape will be seriously damaged by such intensive building. Some of the plans also encroach on areas of wildlife importance such as Deipkeir Woods.

It is also apparent that Leeds City Council and Bradford Council have not worked together on the proposed sites as they will both encroach on each other and further compound the merging of settlements taking away any distinction between the two cities.

The infrastructure requirements have not been looked into as a whole. We are going to have many new sites on top of the sites already developed such as High Royds that will place a heavy demand on the local roads. We already have problems on the main A65 corridor together with the 'rat run' routes towards it. It would appear no plans are in place to make new roads or to improve the existing routes.

Many of the existing houses and roads were built at a time of low car ownership and hence many streets have parked cars in both directions, buses and large vehicles struggle to negotiate these, with even more car movements these problems will multiply.

This will also mean an increase in the existing gridlock and a detrimental effect on air pollution in the area.

Public transport is already lacking at this side of Leeds the buses are already delayed by the volume of traffic and the train provision is poor. More housing will

only add to the problems. The much sort after tram system for Leeds didn't even consider this side of Leeds.

The plans show little information on the provision or requirements for both primary and secondary education. Health care provision is also stretched and little information is shown on how this will be provided. Has any provision been provided for young people growing up in the area? There is only limited existing facilities. Will new parks and youth centres be provided? The plans don't appear to allow for provision for elderly care.

How will the area cope with additional demands on water supplies and sewage, can the existing facilities cope with this large increase?

The local airport has expansion plans and it is already recognised that the transport links are poor. A proposed plan is to improve the road link onto the A65. This is going to increase the use of the airport putting even more traffic onto an already overcrowded road. This is before any new houses are built!

The whole consultation process by Leeds City Council has been very complicated and the information provided has included so much legal/technical jargon that it has put off many residents from even responding to the consultation process. This may mean a large section of the community will be poorly represented in this process.

To summarise, the whole process for Aireborough appears to have not been looked into as a whole and only the areas for possible development have been identified with little thought going into how this will affect the whole area and its impact on the existing facilities and infrastructure. An easy option of using green belt land in preference to brown belt land has been taken. Scant regard has been taken over the merging of communities and the lack of consultation between Leeds City Council and Bradford Council further identifies the lack of consideration taken.

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