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I am writing to voice strong opposition to the proposals to build on Guiseley Ings Fields.

Near where I live, 1/4 mile from the Fields, 3 housing developments, 2 of them large, have already arisen in the past few years within 1/2 a mile. The area cannot cope with yet another influx of new people - the infrastructure, including the sewer network, is just not sufficient. Increased traffic on Ings Lane will render this street dangerous, while pressure on the already stretched A65 will become even worse. Why have no recommendations been made as regards the detail of infrastructure improvements?

I find it disturbing that there is little evidence of close consultation on this matter between the Leeds and Bradford Councils.

Flooding from the Mire Beck is a strong possibility unless costly preventive works are undertaken.

The area is part of the Leeds Habitat Network. Wading birds, which are in decline across the UK, use the site, especially in winter. Among these the Curlew, whose numbers are falling particularly sharply, is perhaps the most conspicuous - in fact it is identified in a new study as the UK bird species most deserving of the highest conservation priority. Other species too, including the Tawny Owl, will surely suffer.

The builders seemed to get their way with the Cairn Garth site, close to Ings Fields, which has a lot of high-end houses. For the Fields they will no doubt again be thinking of the bigger, more profitable house with its £300K price tag. Will you be insisting on more affordable provision? We will all be watching!

There is a real need for housing to be close to jobs, as well as more affordable. Guiseley has not got a huge amount of employment now. More new housing should be built closer to where there are jobs, namely in Leeds and Bradford city centres. In Horsforth there is a fair amount of open land just south of the A65. This, among other areas, could be looked at, in preference to inflicting more pain on Aireborough.

Thank you.

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