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Subject: PDE02186_RE: My response to the Site Allocations consultation
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Morning Cllr Gruen

Thank you for your email and comments. I have cc'ed this email to the Site Allocation Plan in box to make sure that this is recorded. I note your desire to appear at the examination. At the appropriate time, the Programme Officer will write to all parties who have expressed an interest in attending to confirm arrangements.

Regards

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From: Gruen, Cllr Peter
Sent: 09 November 2015 18:41
To: Feeney, David
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Subject: My response to the Site Allocations consultation

Dear David

I wish to formally respond to the current consultation regarding site allocations, as far as my ward is concerned.

1) Consultation process

You will be aware that I have twice written on behalf of my constituents to request a specific consultation event in Whinmoor. I have been heavily canvassed by local residents and action groups that, as this part of the ward features particularly prominently in terms of future house building, there should have been a special local drop-in event.

You of course know that East Leeds as a whole is due to accommodate around 17% of the entire city's house building.

I attended the single meeting organised for our communities in the Cross Gates library and noted that the vast majority of comments related to developments in the Colton area and not Whinmoor. I expected that this would be the case and said so in my earlier correspondence.

Clearly my constituents will expect me to represent their misgivings at the Public Inquiry.

2) Site Allocations

The East Leeds extension proposals are well advanced. I am supportive of the new

Orbital Road, as long as the funding mechanism remains as currently outlined with the Council continuing to take the lead role so that the road is constructed at the earliest opportunity.

At the time of writing only final outline approval for the Northern Quadrant is pending, therefore local residents and I will wish to comment in detail on the reserved matters issues at the appropriate time. There is however considerable local concern about the allocation and distribution of green space, including the so called 'country park'.

No details of any kind are currently known about the Middle and Southern quadrants and so residents and I will wish to very carefully consider these proposals when they are brought forward. The crucial issue in this context is the construction of the entire Orbital Route which must not be jeopardised by any lack of detail and slow timing by developers.

I now turn to the Red Hall offices and playing field site (HG2-119(2062); including site HG1-284. These are very important strategic sites in my ward, taking account of all the housing already proposed East of Wetherby Road. There is considerable local unease about the future allocation of this site, if it is to be wholly reserved for Housing. If that were to be the case I would oppose this.

Bearing in mind the enormous housing development on the adjacent Northern Quadrant - 2000 homes, the ongoing development on Grimesdyke-350 homes and the follow on plans for the Middle and Southern Quadrants- another 2000+ homes; it is essential that a holistic view of all these developments is taken. There is very strong feeling that the current shortfall in green space in this neighbourhood area is fully recognised and addressed.

I note that consultation about the planning brief is imminent and will be well developed by the time of a Public Inquiry.

3) Public Inquiry

I intend to appear before the Inspector to represent and work alongside my constituents on these very important issues for our community. Would you please make the appropriate arrangements .

I would be grateful if you would please acknowledge this representation as valid.

Many thanks

PJG

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