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From: Dobson, Cllr Mark
Sent: 08 November 2015 11:34
To: Sarah Taylor; Speak, Stephen
Subject: Re: Development of Garforth

Hi

I'll copy in the planners but also I'd suggest you read my thoughts that I've submitted.

You may find them of interest/use

<https://markdobson1963.wordpress.com/2015/10/13/site-allocation-submission-as-part-of-the-public-consultation/>

Thanks

Mark

Sent from my iPhone

On 8 Nov 2015, at 10:18, Sarah Taylor <

wrote:

Hi Mark

I have been reading with amazement how many houses are planned for Garforth and wondered if, after the massive u-turn on the plans for Garforth cliff whether it was worth emailing but feel we have to try!

I cannot believe the Makin propaganda he keeps sending, as if he's doing us all a favour. The only person to benefit would be him.

Garforth needs no more housing. It has grown beyond recognition in the last 25 years or so, yet other places seem to avoid such expansions. How is this?

And so far as my parents or elderly neighbours are concerned it is unbelievable how they remember it to how it is now.

I have read with dismay the following facts regarding the number of houses earmarked for Leeds:

Below are the Outer HMCAs, their largest community, the percentage of the housing requirement taken by its largest community and the actual number of houses to be taken by its largest community.

Aireborough – Guiseley – 61% - 773 houses

Outer West - Pudsey - 26% - 535 houses

Outer SW - Morley - 23% - 1025 houses

Outer NW - Otley - 21% - 135 houses

Outer Sth - Rothwell - 52% - 920 houses

Outer NE - Wetherby - 7% - 232 houses

Outer SE - Garforth - 83% - 2314 houses

This is completely unacceptable. We are being ransacked here! We have Victorian drainage, which we were victim to last year when our garden was 4 feet under water. It simply cannot cope with more and more properties adding to it, and less and less drain aways.

We also have terrible traffic problems, and this will simply add to it. I am reminded of Wakefield Road being closed a few years ago for a long period and it just highlighted the amount of traffic coming through this once village.

My concerns are also about the Academy. How can it cope with the extra traffic. It is a nightmare around there, with school being so far from the proposed houses it will mean hundreds more cars and buses flooding Lidgett Lane and Main Street.

How will the school accommodate all these extra residents? It is already at capacity. It has been allowed to grow so much that there is no longer even room for lockers for pupils attending, a first among people I speak to. We choose to live in Garforth and enjoy its amenities. If it comes to you living here, and not being guaranteed your child a place in its secondary school then it is a sad state of affairs.

Garforth has green areas, green belt land, which is stated as the following:

Green belt land refers to an area that is kept in reserve for an open space, most often around larger cities. The main purpose of the green belt policy is to protect the land around larger urban centres from urban sprawl, and maintain the designated area for forestry and agriculture as well as to provide habitat to wildlife.

Is this meaning worthless!?

Leeds is full of more suitable places for mass development than here, the

main starting point should be already developed derelict or empty housing areas. New housing here can regenerate struggling areas, help bring money in, make certain amounts affordable, no more impact on drainage, use already owned land and especially not help some greedy land owner sell a town up the river to make millions!

I hope you continue to gather opinions on this and can talk some sense into the planners.

Regards

Sarah Taylor
(Life long resident of Garforth!)