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Regarding site **HG2-124 Grange Farm South, Ridge Road, Garforth (1232b)**

I do not agree with this site

Theme of comments: Schools

Objecting to the allocation of this site for housing

Why this site is unsound

- The schools in Garforth are very popular with local residents, families from the surrounding villages and even families in the nearer Leeds suburbs. An influx of 5,500 new residents would include over a thousand children. This would overwhelm the existing first schools and add 90 children to the local secondary school intake each year.
- One of the reasons why Garforth schools are so popular is the excellent reputation of the secondary school. It is the local schools trust's policy to prioritise children from Garforth schools for admission to Garforth Academy
- The proposals for site 1232b do include junior and secondary school provision (though not in detail). A junior school would certainly be needed and the huge 1232b site would create a significant demand for secondary school places
- In my opinion the local schools trust would include the new junior school in its list of the priority admission schools for Garforth Academy.
- Regardless of whether the junior school place gave priority access to the Academy, the majority of parents at 1232b would select Garforth Academy as their first choice for their children.
- The places taken by Peckfield kids (1232b residents) would displace children from the surrounding villages
- The new secondary school's places would be taken up by children bussed in from these surrounding villages. This does beg the question should the school be built in one of the neighbouring villages instead?
- If development at site 1232b was to go ahead building a new secondary school on this site would be irrelevant for Garforth residents, increased pressure would be put onto Garforth Academy and would be detrimental to families in surrounding villages as their children are pushed out of the Academy

I would like to be notified of the adoption of this plan

I would like to be notified of the submission of plans for public examination

Signed C Coyle

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