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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: Highways/Transport

Objecting to the allocation of this site for housing

Why this site is unsound

- The local road network is extremely busy, particularly at rush hours, as Garforth is predominantly a dormer town with many residents working in Leeds
- Local car parking in and around Garforth Main Street and the railway stations is usually full. Parking on Main Street for shoppers is chaotic and some would say dangerous
- Local bus services would suffer from the traffic congestion on all road links into Leeds
- The area around 1232b is poorly served by bus services at the moment
- The A63 and A656 adjacent to site 1232b are known accident blackspots
- The local railway station car park is always full by 8am on weekdays. Commuters park everywhere near the station adding to traffic congestion.
- There is no car park at East Garforth station
- There are no disabled access facilities on the east bound platform at Garforth station
- Standing is the norm on commuter trains from Garforth to Leeds
- Adding more trains to the busy Leeds to York/Selby line will be challenging
- A good proportion of residents of site 1232b will be faced with a walk of 2 kilometres to the nearest railway station.
- The proposed bypass on A63 will only encourage traffic to use the A63 and create even bigger tail backs into Whitkirk and Crossgates when the roads revert back from dual carriageways to normal roads
- A better solution would be to build a new road in the south of the ward running from j45 of the M1 to Allerton Bywater. This will move the flow of Leeds bound traffic from Allerton Bywater, Kippax and Swillington onto the new road. It would also provide an alternative route into Leeds for Garforth residents whenever the A63 is unavailable
- Car users from 1232b should be encouraged towards M1 J47 rather than A63
- Land sites around Micklefield enjoy the advantages of closer proximity to the M1 and a railway station with a large car park (once East Leeds Parkway is built there) and would be a better alternative to 1232b
- The A656 Ridge Road is a historic monument and should not be modified.
- A new dual carriageway from M1 j47 to the A63 should be built to support the traffic generated by site 1232b
- The A1/M1 intersection is flawed. It does not have a southbound link for northbound traffic wishing to change motorways. This puts unnecessary traffic onto the A63 and Ridge Road. This should be rectified before major housing is developed in this area.

- M1 Junction 47 struggles to handle rush hour traffic and traffic backing onto the motorway is common at rush hour. The intersection needs major upgrade prior to any housing development in this area.
- The plan to build a 1million sq ft distribution centre at M1 J47 means there will be enormous pressure on A656 from lorries wishing to join A1 southbound or heading from A1 northbound to the distribution centre. This will make A656 increasingly hazardous for residents of site 1232b

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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