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FAO: Head of Forward Planning & Implementation

Site Allocations Plan

Re: Headley Hall, Bramham

I am writing to object to small site development of villages surrounding North East Leeds and to support the use of the greenbelt site at Headley Hall, Bramham. I appreciate that 5000 houses can't spring up overnight but think that the creation of a new 'Garden Village' in line with the Government's housing plans for the future would be a good idea.

I think that bolting on piecemeal developments of 30 houses per year to existing villages in the North East Leeds area is very disruptive to those local communities in terms of traffic and noise, year on year. I have seen first hand the impact of small-scale developments to villages or the edges of Leeds and the disruption that this construction brings about to local communities. In my opinion it would be better to build a new settlement afresh. There may be concerns about the environment but you will avoid upsetting thousands of local residents. Also, with Headley Hall proper, needs-led infrastructure can be planned and thought through so that there is good schooling provision and really good links with Leeds and York and other major towns in the area. With small site developments, there is an onus on existing services (e.g. schools) to expand to incorporate the additional need which is not always the best solution. The worst scenario is that the infrastructure needs are a bit of an afterthought or just ignored altogether.

Yours sincerely

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