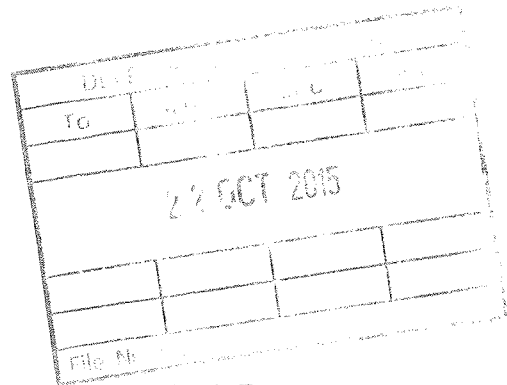


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Dear Sir/Madam

**Site Allocations Plan: Section 3: Area Proposals: Outer North East**

I write to comment on the proposals contained in the September 2015 Development Plan Document.

I disagree strongly with the proposal to develop Headley and build a new town of 5,000 units.

This area consists of some 600 acres of green belt land. Green belt land simply should not be developed. It is not as though we have an abundance of it. It is a sparse asset in the Leeds Metropolitan area. There is a clear obligation to develop brown field sites first. How on earth can Headley be given development priority to sites such as Thorp Arch?

Further, this area is one of prime agricultural status. We should not be using such land for development.

The creation of a new town of this magnitude would create a commuter belt, with massive impact on the surrounding road structure. Houses should be built where there is existing infrastructure and jobs, not in the country.

The argument that such a development would be sustainable is difficult to believe. Where would the jobs come from? Would the infrastructure be front loaded? Who is kidding who? The impact on surrounding villages and towns would be massive.

Ward councillors and the local MP have opined that Headley is better than local pepper potting. I disagree because local development would be absorbed more fluidly by their respective local communities. Schools, surgeries and shops would expand accordingly. It is too convenient as well as naive to believe that Headley, consisting of 5,000 units is the magical answer to housing needs. It is a political convenience.

In contrast to what ward councillors and the local MP have opined there is considerable opposition to Headley. Apart from Mr Shelbrooke there is unanimous opposition in Bramham against the proposal.

It is disingenuous for officials to argue that since local parishes have only submitted proposals for 600 or so units then they are in favour of Headley. The latter does not follow the former. This is deliberately misleading and bad form.

I understand that the University of Leeds has recently withdrawn Headley as a development proposal. But officials have stated their intention to persuade the University of Leeds to change its mind. Officials would be best using their time and energy to working on Plan B, which officials admit does not exist.

Yours faithfully

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