

DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT			
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			40, Louthor Grove
29 OCT 2015			Gawforth
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Dear Sir,

PDH00196.

Having received the news that you are planning 5,000 New Homes, I feel its a step too far, enough is enough. I have lived at this address since 1951, and have seen the population and housing virtually explode.

The facilities that were here ^{then} have hardly improved. The Academy sports facilities are a big improvement & used by the public as well as the school, but apart from the skateboard area, there's nothing new.

all I have seen is more & more houses. I hear of extra flooding in some areas after heavy rain, due to redirection of water courses, all due to more housing. I worked for NCB in 1959 in the planning department, a plan I worked on was for 20,000 New houses, & that was just a start.

Gazforth is over a water table, many excavations had to be scrapped in East Gasfoill due to water seepage, some old pits flooded eventually & had to close down. Also many inhabitants of houses in East Gasforth ~~were~~ had to have pipes installed in the gardens due to gas coming from the Corporation tip they had been built on.

I am 80yrs of age and whilst you do won't really bother me, but I think of all the younger ones who this will affect.

So seriously consider the history of Gazforth before embarking on adding more houses, it's time to think of other alternatives. The big Whimsey estate is one bad example of bad planning, no green areas for the children to play for one example.

Will just add the NETT organisation is brilliant, run by lots of volunteers & helped by you; so thanks for that.

Yours faithfully.