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Garforth Resident

Forward Planning and Implementation

I was staggered to receive a letter from my local MP, in it, he informs me that Leeds City Council has proposed that it will look for potential sites in Garforth for 5,000 new homes. It also reads that 88% of the residents have had absolutely no consultation at all !.

I recall attending a meeting regarding the "proposed" route of the M1 adjacent to the town, despite all the protests most of the people involved had the same conclusion, the decision had already been made. I feel that whatever responses are put forward, this implementation will take place.

Having looked at the various sites, your ref 1044 and 1100, both marked green, 3111,3112,1165,2156,1226 and 1232 all marked as potential. This is planning suicide, the road network alone cannot support the potential increase in traffic, whichever route it takes in or out of the town. If someone from Leeds City Council spent some time in Garforth Main St, they would realise that whoever designed the traffic flow and parking bays has the responsibility for creating a traffic nightmare at various times during the day. To look to add another, well let's say 5000 homes would potentially be another 7000/7500 cars to Garforth would create massive problems. There isn't enough parking spaces as it is. The junction at Garforth Town End/ Wakefield Rd/ Barrowby Lane is diabolical. The junction of Bar Lane and Aberford Rd will become a fiasco. Any new builds would add to the already over loaded surface water drains and the sewerage mains would create an even bigger problem in being fed into mains that are already in place.

The new site on Garforth Cliff is turning into a shambles, subsidence and flooding, whoever gives the go ahead to these projects.

Garforth schools are all ready over subscribed due to the success of the Garforth Academy, add another 5000 homes into that equation.

What has happened to the Green Belt, all of the proposed sites are farm land.

Local rumour has it that this proposal is already cut and dried. Chris Makin is selling up to move into the Aviation business at Church Fenton, he is to offer a daily service flying to London. His farm will become the next major development in Garforth, so as has been said before, this consultation is just a bit of an exercise. Let's just see which site gets the nod, despite 1044 and 1100 being marked as green and how soon the building work starts, I know where my money is and I think it is a very safe bet Leeds City Council.

Having worked in the private sector, I am very aware of the whole proposal/consulation situation, it is very much a "let the people have a say" and we will do what we want anyway.

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