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Consultation on where housing development should take place – Aireborough

Aireborough has already been subject of massive development over the last 20 years.

Almost all of the new proposals would be built on green belt, which is NOT consistent with the national policy.

Horsforth, Rawdon, Yeadon, Guiseley and Menston would all be joined together, totally losing their individual identities.

There is no new employment planned, probably because of the disruption caused by Emis, who we were promised would not affect our lives in any way. Now, not only do their workers block all the residential streets with their vehicles but the main road as well. When approaching the JC2 Roundabout when driving on the A65 towards Guiseley from Leeds, the main road has now been reduced to one lane whether it is the intention of the driver to turn right, left or straight on. Why are these vehicles allowed to obstruct such an important artery, turning it into a car park? Why are the police turning a blind eye to this? The new primary school contributes to even more traffic jams. Local residents were promised the new primary school building would be used for the community. It is actually a fortress. It is easier to gain access to prison than entering there to do voluntary work. We know which councillors cannot be trusted to tell the truth, especially when they do not live in the area. And how long before said primary has to be extended across the remaining few yards of green field in order to accommodate ever more children? The ~~Airport continues to expand with more and more traffic, both domestic and industrial,~~ further clogging the routes and destroying the road surfaces.

Local shops stand empty for years on what were once thriving high streets. In 20 years we have lost a bank and a post office necessitating a motorised journey when previously we would have walked. The area has already changed drastically and not for the better.

Our local surgery used to provide same day appointments, now we have to wait up to a week or ten days and the waiting room is always crowded. Obviously one is fortunate to find a parking space, as what little there is, is usually occupied by staff at the surgery and chemist, who all have to travel to work. Recently we had an appointment at Otley Hospital, a journey which should take roughly 15/20 minutes. We allowed an hour and arrived just in time. A journey to Leeds City Centre, similarly can take 40/80 minutes. Our roads are already congested to the point of overflowing. Our dentist is in Bradford!

I am particularly concerned about sites; HG2-12 Fields at Woodlands Drive, Rawdon.
HG3-2, HG3-3, HG3-4 Fields off A65 Rawdon
HG2-41 Fields South of A65, Horsforth roundabout to the crematorium
HG2-43 Fields at Horsforth College Campus – where I used to work and which is a wonderful habitat for wild life.

The proposal to include these Green Belt sites in the Local Plan is NOT consistent with the national policy.

The proposal to use Green Belt before brownfield is not justified

The proposal to use this Strategic Green Infrastructure goes against the Leeds Core Strategy

It is vitally important for physical and mental health to have somewhere green to walk, play and breathe fresh air. The more houses there are locally, the more traffic there is locally and any quality of life is destroyed. Also if there are no local facilities for rest and relaxation the more we turn to our vehicles to escape.

Help us to hold on to the little space and greenery we have already been reduced to.

Show us that you care!

Lily Ann Dickens