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Dear Sir/Madam

New Building in Horsforth and General Areas

I am writing this letter as a follow up regarding new building in Horsforth.

I would like to add a little about 'affordable' houses in Horsforth, and wonder if there are any planned.

I have said enough in my previous letter re. the overbuilding in Horsforth, but would like to ask if there are any houses planned which are under £200,000? This amount is not affordable for a large majority of people, these being the ones being in need of cheaper houses and which I thought were being built for.

At the bottom of Calverley Lane I looked at the new Redrow building; there are a number of terraced houses, (together with a number of houses to be sold for £300,000 upwards). The inner-terrace houses are £220,000, with the end houses being £245,000.

THERE DOES NOT SEEM TO BE ANY BELOW £200,000.

THIS IS NOT AN 'AFFORDABLE' PRICE FOR A LARGE NUMBER OF THE POPULATION.

I am concerned that the Developers are just wanting to take over land to build houses for a certain number of people for profit, which will have not much effect on housing for people who the Government are trying to target. These more expensive houses do not seem to be for people who are desperately in need of houses and cannot get on the "ladder".

Instead of building bigger houses surely a flat or two (bottom and first flats OF A REASONABLE SIZE) could be built on the same land needed for one large detached house?

My question is: Are the Leeds City Council and the Government mindful of the kind of houses needed? And have these on the Agenda?

At the present time it appears that the building is for the Developers' ideas, and not for the Government and Local planning.

Do the Leeds City Council have control of what is being built?

I would be interested to know if there are actually 'AFFORDABLE HOUSES' below £200,000 being built.

Yours sincerely

HORSFORTH RESIDENT