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The Proposed Development North of Coppice Wood Cres/Ave. Yeadon

Leeds Site Allocation Plan Consultation Site 1255B

If the prospective buyers of the proposed new homes, think they are buying a home in the countryside, and waking up to the sound of the Birds whistling they will be sadly mistaken. The only whistling they will hear is the Jet engines of the Aircraft taking off and landing due to the flight path for Yeadon Airport being near to them, and perhaps the same sound will lull them to sleep at night, not forgetting the occasional aircraft that land and take off during the middle of the night.

If they think they can drive down to Guiseley station to catch a train to work in Bradford or Leeds, they will be sadly mistaken, because there will be nowhere to park the car, as all car parks are already full. The A65 through Guiseley, the main road from Leeds and the ring road towards Ilkley and the Yorkshire Dales has now become a car park. On arriving at the station they will find the train for Leeds at peak times is now already full when it reaches Guiseley.

If they plan to drive to Bradford or Leeds before 9.30am, I would recommend that they take a flask of Tea or Coffee plus sandwiches, due to new and existing Industrial Estates being constructed from Buck lane through Charlestown and a huge amount of houses built in Baildon have created a long traffic tailbacks at the junction of Otley road A6038 and Baildon road as far as Hollins Hill.

Driving to Bradford via Greengates will also be a problem, new development of houses on the old Stylo site and proposed new homes at Greengates. Bradford Council plan to close the swing bridge over the canal to traffic, therefore stopping access from the George and Dragon Hotel to the A657 Leeds road plus with the opening of the new railway station at Apperley Bridge (already congested with pupils arriving by car to Woodhouse Grove School). This will cause more traffic congestion at Greengates traffic lights. Furthermore this creates even more congestion between the Little London traffic lights and the Greengates lights.

Travelling to Leeds by car drivers also face a continuous queue, due to 13 sets of traffic lights of various types through Guiseley to Rawdon. With the new Airedale Heating factory and large development of homes on the old Sandoz site on the ring road between Horsforth and Rodley roundabouts this could create queuing back as far as Rawdon lights (already congested). Having cleared this hold-up there is yet another housing development at Kirkstall Forge. With all three developments completed this will no doubt create one continuous queue from the Ilkley/Otley roundabout at Menston all the way to Leeds (They will certainly need there sandwiches especially in Winter)

Destroying the fields for housing between Deipker Wood and Coppice Wood Crescent/Avenue, would be a disaster for this wild life haven. Deipker Wood is an ancient and wild wood, very rarely visited, and home to many species of birds (Just to name a few Nuthatch, Treecreepers, Woodpeckers and Jays). Due to the conversion of Barns to housing on the south side of the Chevin we have already lost our Barn Owls.

The stream that flows from Deipker Wood attracts Heron, Geese, Ducks and Kestrels even a Glider once, and the creatures that live in the stream would lose their habitat. The fields at either side of the stream attract Deer (A few weeks ago there was a small herd of Fallow Deer) and Foxes and other small mammals, Bats and swallows feed on the insects.

If houses were to be built here, I would strongly advice prospective buyers not buy here, but to look to the east of Leeds, with its good motorway links and easier access to the City.

We object to all planning for housing in the Yeadon and Guiseley area for all the above reasons stated.

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