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LDF Publication Draft Consultation
Forward Planning and Implementation
The Leonardo Building
2 Rossington Street
Leeds
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Dear Sirs

Re LEEDS SITE ALLOCATION PLAN
Site HG2-17 (1080 & 3367A) BREARY LANE EAST AND LEEDS ROAD

I am writing to object to the above plan to build 376 houses on what is at present greenbelt and greenfield land on the following grounds:-

This land should remain in the greenbelt, and continue as farming land . We need these farms to provide food which can be supplied locally, to cut down on food miles.

This large scale development would cause adverse environmental impact and unacceptable loss of greenbelt.

Bramhope will become a small town, instead of a village, which it is at present. At the moment it is classified as a small settlement.

There is not enough infrastructure in place to deal with all the extra people inhabiting all these new houses. The medical centre is already full to bursting, and the primary school is full to capacity. There are already children in the village who are ~~having to go to schools in other areas.~~ I understand there is provision for a new school, but with the Governments policy on free schools, and the local authority's lack of funds, who is going to build this school?

There will be a massive impact on the local roads. The A660 is already over stretched at peak periods, and the proposed new housing is going to make it far worse, as there will be a significant increase in the number of cars and car journeys made. There could be over 700 extra cars on the road, just from this one planning application.

Public transport is totally inadequate, so all these new residents will be out in

their cars, blocking up the already busy roads.

There are very few employment prospects in the village, so once again, all these new residents will have to travel by car.

The huge scale of this development would be totally inadequate and would become urban sprawl.

TESTS OF SOUNDNESS

Positively prepared

The plan does not take into account the lack of infrastructure in the area.

Justified

The strategic aim should be to use brownfield sites before greenbelt and Greenfield

Effective

The infrastructure is not in place for this site, and cannot be delivered. The A660 is already congested.

Consistent with national policy

It cannot be consistent with National Planning Policy Framework, as the above tests have not been satisfied.

Comments

All brownfield sites in Leeds should be used, before any consideration is given to building on Greenfield and greenbelt sites.

Consideration must be given to infrastructure need before any site is approved, eg. School capacity (primary and secondary), determination of future highways demand and how this will be met, and the ability of local primary health structure to meet anticipated needs of the local population.

The sites proposed to be taken out of greenbelt do not meet the Exceptional Circumstances that need to be in place before this can happen.

Yours faithfully

Diane L Dawson