

8th November 2015

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Dear Sirs

Planning Application Site HG-2 -17 (1080/1181 &3367A/B) Leeds Road, Bramhope

We write to object to the above application on the grounds of the extent of the housing scheme and its implications for safety and infrastructure in Bramhope.

The 376 houses proposed will own 500 - 700 cars, all to exit onto the already busy A660 at a new roundabout. While we understand an additional school and local store may be built, an extra pedestrian crossing would be needed for residents to access facilities in the village which are largely on the other side of the A660. Also households on the south side of the road may cross to the new school. Bus services would be under extra pressure and a cycle lane would probably be required for the safety of cyclists. Also, can existing drains and sewers accommodate this scheme?

The number of persons living in Bramhope would increase by about 25% in one instance, giving rise to pressure on local services; these currently number one primary school, one medical centre, no bank or post office, no filling station/garage, and without commuting very little employment. There are no plans for a business park for the latter or to re-open Arthington station to give access to the railway line running beneath Bramhope.

While the developer has incorporated landscaping and green community areas, we believe the sheer size of this scheme compared to the existing village would fundamentally alter Bramhope's character that still retains some rural aspects and lately has had extra conservation areas designated.

Yours sincerely

Paul Dobbins