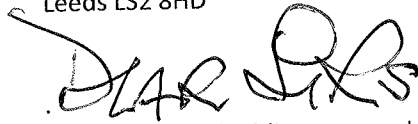


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Re: Large scale building proposal at Breary Lane in Bramhope

I am writing to lodge with you my anger and disgust at the proposal to build approximately 400 houses on the above land adjacent to the A660

I am reliably informed that there are enough Brown Field Sites in Leeds to cover building starter homes to cover the Government's objectives for the next five years. I am aware that some of these Brown Field Sites have buildings on them which would cost a builder to remove but this should not be considered a problem as the price charged for the land should take into account the demolishing of any existing buildings etc.

The A660, I am reliably informed, is the busiest road in Leeds and, therefore, to build a large number of houses whose exit from the estate onto the A660 would cause considerable congestion based on the calculation of each house having two car would result in some 800 exiting the site in the morning and a similar number returning in the evening

Building on this land will create an urban sprawl. It is Green Belt. I would draw to your attention that approximately 3/5 years ago it was thought by the Council that the houses and land over the road from the field in question should be placed in a Conservation area to protect the appearance of the village. To go ahead with building some 400 houses now would appear to be a dereliction of the Council's duties and the wrong approach to their work ethic

Furthermore, I am told that the site covers Roman Ruins and I should have thought that it is the Council's responsibility at all times to protect such sites for study and to contact the archiological people for their comments prior to any action

As I understand the Governments need for more housing is for low cost / starter homes. The land proposed would be developed along the lines outlaid by Miller Homes as shown to we people at their open evening. It is clear that should they be aloud to build the house prices would range from £500,000 to £750,000. These values are definitely not the sort that the Government want to see Councils developing. I repeat, once again, that it is starter homes that are required so this does not give the Council any authority to change Green Belt to housing and to this end I shall be forwarding this letter and a more personal one to David Cameron to ensure that the Council carries out his wishes without having all this nonsense about building on desirable land which is very much part of the established character of the village

Your sincerely,

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