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Site References - HG2-12 Rawdon

Dear Sir / Madam,

I wish to strongly object to the development of the above site.

If it had not been for the dedication of our local campaigners we would not have known about these plans. They have done a superb job in leading the campaign for our local communities.

Having lived in Aireborough for over 40 years, I have already seen a number of major housing developments going up in the area which has had impacts on the communities of Aireborough.

I like where I live and I will not sit back and do nothing. If we all sat back and did nothing while Leeds City Council passed plans for yet more housing, then I fear the area would become over developed. The proposals that you have put forward for housing on our Green spaces will spoil everything that we have come to love about Aireborough. They are **not justified** as they do not meet the needs of our community. Enough is enough!

The current infrastructure falls short of meeting the current needs of the area so I just cannot imagine the impact if these plans were to go ahead. It would be **absolutely devastating!** We are already seeing impacts on;

- Schools** – Primary and Secondary schools at full capacity
- Doctors and dentists** – also at full capacity
- Transport** – this is a major concern, we already have what I call ‘Gridlock Guiseley’ not to mention high emissions by queuing traffic on our roads
- Employment** – if we lose our local rural economy and traditional farming, with no proposals for new businesses then where do people gain employment
- Wildlife** – as green spaces shrink this causes an impact on our wildlife

As a family, we enjoy outdoor activities. Being able to get out into the local countryside to enjoy the green spaces and fresh air that we have on our doorstep is of great importance to us and everyone who lives in and visits the area. Being active is also an important part of a healthy lifestyle. I want my children and future generations to be able to enjoy the same outdoor activities, in beautiful surroundings as we do now and be able maintain a healthy lifestyle too.

Leeds City Council should be looking to use Brown Field spaces or existing buildings that can be suitably converted. There are so many derelict buildings in and around Leeds that would benefit from conversion and some of those areas would massively benefit from investment/regeneration.

The more green spaces that are used for housing the greater the impact to the environment and our communities. We do not want to lose the character of Aireborough but if you continue with all of your plans for Guiseley, Yeadon, Rawdon and Horsforth our communities will eventually merge into one thus erasing the identity of each.

LCC you need to rethink your strategy and listen to the people of Aireborough and surrounding areas.

Regards

Dean Williams