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Response to LDP Publication Draft Consultation
Leeds Site Allocation Plan

Sections:- HG-2-1 (3026) Ings Lane Guiseley
HG-2-2 (3029) Wills Gill
HG-2-4 (4020) Hollins Hill
HG-2-5 (1160A, 11311A, 2163A) Coach Road
HG-2-6 (1113) Silverdale Allotments

I Disagree with all the above sites being used for Housing.

I do Not believe that the L S A P is sound.

I believe that the Leeds Housing target of 70,000 is unreasonable and that the revised Office of National Statistics suggested figure of 44,500 to be more realistic.

1. Each of these sites, apart from HG-2-6 , are on Green Belt which form a break in Urban sprawl and prevent the merging of Guiseley with Menston, Yeadon and neighbouring Bradford developments.

People have chosen to live in Guiseley because of its setting surrounded by green belt... allowing residents to access , exercise and relax in their local vicinity.

There will be an irreversible loss of agricultural land, trees, and public footpaths which are part of the special setting and character of Guiseley and Aireborough.

GREEN BELT purpose is to check unrestricted sprawl of a built up area, prevent merging of neighbouring settlements, safeguard the countryside from encroachment and preserve the setting and special character (of Guiseley).

Have the Council done, as they were required to do, a thorough Green belt review?

2. There is insufficient infrastructure in place for existing residents and funding from earlier developments have NOT yet been used to implement improvements to existing traffic problems. The traffic on the A65, the A6038 (Bradford Road) and B6153 (Park Road), is regularly at a standstill outside normal rush hours and at weekends.

Traffic lights promised at the junction of Bradford Road, Hawksworth Lane and Park Road, and funded from the development at Highroyds have still NOT appeared.

The flow of traffic on the A65 is often impeded by inconsiderate parking impeding through traffic, especially Emergency vehicles.

The Cycle route stops at the Guiseley Gyratory coming out of Leeds discouraging many cyclists from using the road to commute and there is no adequate provision for cycles on the trains.

Dr's are oversubscribed in Guiseley and patients, particularly the elderly, sick, parents of young children and without private transport should NOT be having to travel by, not always reliable, public transport to surgeries at Menston and Yeadon. Access to a Dr for weekend appointments

are not held in Guiseley for the Netherfield Road practice for existing patients, nor are “sit and wait” surgeries.!

There is only one NHS dentist, part time available in Guiseley which already has a waiting list for new patients.

Good schools in the area are generally oversubscribed and while 2 Primary Schools have/ are being expanded, this is only designed to cope with current predicted increase in the primary age group already living in the area, NOT for future development and no OBVIOUS plan in place for accommodating any increase in a very tired building at Guiseley School. This school already takes pupils from the Bradford Authority living in Menston AND Baildon as does Hawksworth C of E School. Further development may well destroy the reputations of schools in the Aireborough District , one of the important reasons that many people have chosen to live in the area. (And why I moved to Guiseley 42 years ago when it was still part of the old West Riding CC).

The station at Guiseley does not have sufficient parking for existing passengers despite the new car park acquired as part of the Crompton Parkinson developments.

Trains in the rush hour are bursting by the time they reach Guiseley on the way TO Leeds and there is soon to be another station added before Leeds. Unless there are plans to increase further capacity on the trains at peak hours, the option of rail travel for commuters will become less viable , pushing MORE traffic onto overcrowded routes where even more development is planned, particularly in Horsforth., Baildon and Shipley.

Access in and out of Morrison’s Car Park, the main Supermarket of the Guiseley/ Menston area, is increasingly difficult and causes delays to traffic flow.

Has LCC completed a Housing Needs survey for Aireborough or made any assessment for the future needs in infrastructure including parking ?

3. Development of these sites are Developer led as was obvious at the Aireborough Festival early in 2015 when representatives of developers displayed their plans for these sites. Concerns for safe access to these sites and consideration for any new residents access to public transport, schools etc seemed low in priority in their planning. Council seem to have consulted with developers far more than with their neighbouring Council, or the local community who live with and understand the existing problems.

Access from HG-2-5 and HG-2-4 is required on to Park Road which is already frequently very congested with traffic from Bradford, Shipley and Baildon wishing to shop in Guiseley as well as commute to |Leeds.

Are the Council merely thinking of the revenue from the large houses the developers want to build and indeed the revenue from the sale of working FARM LAND to a neighbouring Council if the plans are approved for HG-2-4 Hollins Hill.?

4. Leeds C C have not fulfilled their duty to involve the Aireborough Community and local groups in consultations. Nor have they consulted appropriately with the neighbouring Bradford Council regarding the majority of these sites which fringe BCC developments. Only ONE meeting has been recorded.

When will LCC listen and consult face to face with residents, or are they hoping that responses to the SAP will cover all residents concerns and be addressed by the Planning Inspectorate?

I would like my response to be acknowledged.