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105 Wakefield Road,

Garforth,

Leeds LS25 1AT.

10th November, 2015.

Dear Sir,

As a resident of Garforth for over seventy years I have seen many changes to the village, now town. In general it has remained a pleasant place to live and bring up a family.

The latest proposals by Leeds City Council to extend the town by some two thousand homes I must object to, for I feel that we have reached saturation point in all areas of life.

If growth is inevitable then the proposal to build a community at Stourton Grange seems to be the most appropriate. This site would provide the opportunity to plan a balanced community. I have experience of such a community where two, three and four bed roomed houses are interspersed with maisonettes and retirement bungalows, all built around a park and community centre. This arrangement allows for a mixture of ages and life styles. There is always a feeling of community unlike some developments where, during the day, it appears lifeless when everyone is at work or school.

A development of this size would also necessitate the provision of extra services rather than depleting the existing ones. It would also be served well with transport links, this would be preferable to making the already busy ones in the town even more congested.

The number of people who want to move into the area, and the fact that our children want to stay, is testament to the quality of the town. Please don't spoil this by indiscriminate development, but enhance it with sensible balanced growth.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Margaret Benn