



Dear Resident

### **Please ask your family what new facilities we need in Garforth**

As neighbours, you and I are being asked to take a fair share of the new family homes that need to be built across the Leeds City Council Area. Garforth is a great place to live - I have done so for 57 years. It is a credit to our town that many of our young people want to stay, have a family and work in the area. That means we must ensure the new homes built are affordable to our young families and meet the needs of our growing elderly population.

I know it is contentious but these homes will be built. We must now decide where we want them built and what we want in return. Leeds City Council is considering Peckfield Farm (LCC are calling it Stourton Grange South), but after recent submissions to the Council this site is emerging as "undeliverable". That risks thousands of houses being built in pockets around Garforth.

I believe these houses must not be built piecemeal, but on a single site. Put simply, this will allow the cross-funding of the huge improvement in community facilities and infrastructure we all need.

I have been fortunate to run a family farming business on Sturton Grange Farm that currently houses large strawberry polytunnels. The location of this land would make it a suitable site for residential development. Unlike other sites, the mature trees planted around much of the site will reduce the visual effect of any development.

In the last two months, I have been speaking with groups across Garforth to gather ideas on what new facilities we need. We need your help and that is why we have launched 'Great 4 Garforth' and sent out leaflets last week. Alongside roads, drainage, health and education provision, we have listened to calls for new, high quality sports and recreation facilities for everyone's use (young and old). We need new football pitches, hockey pitches, a rugby pitch – all with great club house facilities. As well as walking and running routes, protected open spaces, parks and allotments.

You will see from the map I have enclosed, Sturton Grange North is close to Garforth Town Football Club. As we develop what the community wants, we could help the club with facilities and their exciting future ahead and also help Leeds Ladies FC who currently play at Wheatley Park.

This is now your chance! Please speak with your family and friends and think about what sort of facilities you would like in Garforth. Please complete the questionnaire on the other side of this letter and post it back to us in the prepaid envelope provided.

We must make sure the building of new family homes in Garforth benefits us all. This is your chance to have your say. But please do not delay; we need to hear from you by the 12<sup>th</sup> November.

Yours sincerely

Chris

Please take 5 minutes to complete the survey and tell me what you would like to see built in Garforth

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EMAIL ADDRESS/MOBILE NUMBER: Don't HAVE ONE

1. If Sturton Grange North is supported we will build new recreational facilities. Are there any sports/recreation facilities you believe must be improved or built in Garforth?

~~WHAT ABOUT SECONDARY SCHOOL PROVISION. USED IN ERROR  
LOCAL ROADS INFRASTRUCTURE MUST BE IMPROVED.  
HOW ABOUT SOME PARKING PROVISION AT EAST GARFORTH STATION~~

NO!

2. If Sturton Grange North is supported we will build key community facilities (such as education provision & health services). Are there any community facilities that you believe must be improved or built in Garforth?

WHAT ABOUT SECONDARY SCHOOL PROVISION?  
LOCAL ROADS INFRASTRUCTURE MUST BE IMPROVED.  
HOW ABOUT SOME PROVISION FOR PARKING AT EAST GARFORTH STATION?  
THERE NEEDS TO BE SIGNIFICANT UPGRADING OF LOCAL MEDICAL FACILITIES.  
HOW WILL THE SEWAGE/SURFACE WATER BE HANDLED?

Leeds Council and the UK Government will ensure significant numbers of houses are built in Garforth over the next few years. Thinking of that:

Do you believe this development should happen on a single, controlled site?

YES

NO

Do you believe this development should happen on a site that already has significant landscaping with planted trees and bushes?

YES

NO

Once you have told us your ideas for the community, we would like to contact you to help us to take forward your ideas. Please make sure you include your contact details above.

The information you provide will only be used by the development team for the purposes of this consultation exercise. Copies may be made available to the relevant planning authority so it can note your comments. However, we will request that your personal details are not placed on the public record. The data will be held securely by us in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

Please post this survey back to us in the pre-paid envelope provided