

19 trees have tree preservation orders and there are mature hedgerows. The trees are defined in the TPOs as adding to landscape value and a feature of intrinsic beauty.
The Ings defines Guiseley as a settlement separate from Menston, Mire Beck forming the boundary. Development would merge the two, contrary to Green Belt purpose.
The fields form a Green Belt Buffer between Guiseley and Menston.
It was a Special Landscape Area in the 2006 UDP but seems to have lost its status.
The local infrastructure is not sufficient to cater for a major new residential development, particularly given the current A65 congestion issues.
Aireborough has already taken its fair share of development from 2000, resulting in almost all of its Brownfield sites being developed as factories have closed, leaving little local employment.
There have been instances of sewage pollution in Mire Beck due to the poor state of the sewers in the area. YW have still not solved the problem and have admitted that the present state of the sewer network is struggling to cope.
If 298 houses are built on the fields HG1-2 and a further 114 on the other side of the railway on PAS land HG3-1 making 412, that is just short of the major development on High Royds which is close by.

The plan is not legally compliant.

LCC have not fulfilled their duty of Community involvement.

LCC's document of community involvement was written in 2007. It is out of date and does not include their duty to collaborate with forums and parish and town councils designated to draw up neighbourhood plans. Many feel they have not been consulted fully in the whole site allocation process.
I was informed of the 8 week consultation period and the fact that LCC were holding a drop in meeting in Guiseley not by LCC but from a leaflet from a voluntary group.
No genuine attempt has been made to engage with the community or to help them understand what is being proposed or how to respond to the consultation.
There was one advert in Aireborough on a phone box in Guiseley which was taken down three weeks into the consultation!
No where do any documents state that 90% of Aireborough's sites are on Green Belt.
Documents refer to Green Belt as Greenfield which is misleading and suggests that land has already lost its Green Belt Status.
A fully comprehensive Green Belt review has not been carried out as specified by the inspector at the Core Strategy hearing.

LCC have not fulfilled their Duty to Cooperate

In their background paper of September 2015, one meeting is recorded with City of Bradford Council on 6th March.

I doubt that one meeting could have covered all the points on which they should cooperate. Minutes for this meeting have been requested but are not forthcoming.

In the Leeds Local Plan, a comprehensive review of Green Belt should have taken place alongside Bradford. Many of Aireborough's sites have boundaries with Bradford. Aireborough is a fringe area. There is no evidence this has taken place

How LCC can make the plan sound.

- Reduce the Leeds housing target from 70,000 to 44,000 (ONS data)
- Abide by the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)
- Start the plan again with a better methodology e.g. Brownfield first policy
- Have an infrastructure plan in place before the site allocations plan.
- Build closer to areas with better infrastructure
- Build closer to where the bulk of the jobs are, e.g. Central Leeds.
- Carry out a comprehensive Green Belt review
- Genuinely engage with local communities.
- Cooperate fully with Bradford Council

I would like to be present at the inspector's hearing.

I would like acknowledgement of my response and to be informed of the submission of the plan for public examination and/or the adoption.

Signed, 

Date 13.11.2015.