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Leeds Site Allocation Plan

Coach Road Allotments-site 1113 (HG2-6)

Dear Sir,

I am writing to let you know my views concerning the above Allotment site which is also known more recently as Silverdale Avenue Allotments.

Ecology

The allotments have been in existence since early part of the 1900's when it was designated for allotment use. My family have been using the above site since the early 1950's and I can remember the many animals and bird lovers including the naturalists and keen gardeners happily using this well protected land as we still do.

This land did then and still does bring back many memories of the shared peace and enjoyment that all shared and benefited from. A safe haven on this land was had by all the wild life inclusive of over 50 birds and a wide variety of flora which in turn encouraged many insects and butterfly's to visit us.

A recent clearance of trees and shrubbery from some of the land could help in the reinstating of Community Allotments, these could be used by allotmenters with the full backing of the Council, should the absent owners not be willing to co-operate. Making use of the land as it was intended could be of greater value to the community.

Guiseley Infrastructure.

Guiseley has at the moment, a fractured infrastructure, with residents having to endure the lasting effects on our roads, both the major and side roads being over loaded grid locks that happen many times making shopping journeys along with school trips more time consuming. Schools, Doctors and Dentists are overcrowded adding to more daily pressure for residents old and young alike in the Aireborough district alone.

I am of the opinion that the reasons I have already given above shows that not enough research has been done making the SAP UNSOUND. All new development should be stopped until a more detailed and indeed accurate research has been done and the people in Guiseley have seen and agreed on a more suitable infrastructure plan, I feel LCC has so far failed to do.

Loss of Green Space

1) The SAP recommends that Aireborough should relinquish such a large portion of its green space although a detailed review of its green space has not been carried out. This makes for unsound reasoning to the many residents of Guiseley who do not want to lose any more of valued green space; this has for some years been expressed repeatedly to the LCC planning through the “consultation events” and seems to have been ignored.

As most of Aireborough’s brown field sites have already been built on adding to our already over stretched infrastructure, causing more congestion on the roads with the need to travel to work , I feel the green spaces should be left for those people wishing to enjoy them.

2) The SAP proposal for Coach Road Allotments is that 32 houses be built on half the site whilst the remaining space is retained for allotments. It has also been stated on a number of occasions by local Councillors at our Local Forum meetings, that should we wish to save specific sites, one method is to recommend an alternative site for the proposed number of houses. Coach Road Allotments could be preserved by using the over allocated houses approved at the old Naylor Jennings mill, site 1308 (HG1-12) this would eliminate the need to build 32 houses on the Coach Road Allotment site (1113).

Transport

The only independent transport survey so far that accurately diagnoses our traffic problems accumulated over the past 20 years is one carried out by WARD. Some of the critical conclusions of that report stated that the A65 was operating at capacity at peak times and suffers severe congestion on a regular basis.

More houses built on Coach Road Allotments. Site 1113, will only add to this congestion particularly so, because there are no bus routes to the Silverdale Estate, meaning that all residents must either use cars to get about or if they are able, to walk.

Hoping that my comments are taken note of,

Your's Sincerley,

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M. Davis