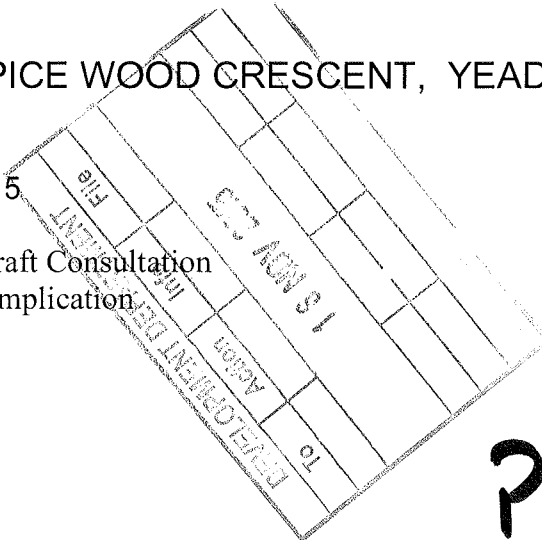


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Dear Sirs,

Re: Objection to Planning Proposals on Greenbelt Land to Rear (North) of Coppice Wood Close, Yeadon,

I am writing to voice my objection to the draft proposal to allow many houses to be built on Greenbelt land to the rear (North) of Coppice Wood Close (LS19 7LH).

The following reasons (objections) are as follows:

- 1 **PREVIOUS PLANNING REFUSAL** : An application by the owner of the land was previously refused by Leeds City Council. So how are the Council able to completely reverse the planning policy?
2. **FLIGHT PATH & HEALTH** : The land lies almost under the flight path of Leeds Bradford Airport and recent reports state that as such this is a health hazard. (Enclosed Copy of the article).
- 3 **BATS** : There are bats in the area and these frequently fly in and around the gardens of Coppice Wood Crescent and in the woods to the North of the proposed site. Other wildlife. The area is home to deer, woodpeckers, herons and aquatic creatures in the stream.
- 4 **TRAFFIC ISSUES** : Traffic increase will be very detrimental to the area, especially in the roads Queensway and coppice Wood Crescent. Queensway already has a traffic control system due to drivers using it as a 'rat run' alternative to using the A65 main route through Guiseley. The extra traffic caused by these proposal will only exacerbate this problem.

The local estate roads have only recently been made a 20MPH speed limit which is not adhered to by many residents and this will only be more prevalent if the many number of houses causes a much greater use of motor vehicles on these roads.

The entry points to the proposed sites in the area will cause congestion.

SCHOOLS : Both St Oswald's and Guiseley Primary schools have just been extended to accommodate the number of children in the catchment area to date (despite this major extension opened Sept 2015 St Oswald's is already having to take a portable classroom to accommodate extra numbers for next academic year 2016) They will not be able to accommodate the vast number of additional children that will be generated by the number of houses. The two schools mentioned were extended because Leeds said there were no sites where a new school could be built. Also Leeds Council claimed there was no money for new schools or sites for them.

Senior/secondary schools will suffer also and in later years when the primary children need to move on.

GREENBELT: It only about two years since Leeds Council re-allocated the land as greenbelt and unlike certain areas in London there are no special circumstances to change that designation.

INFASTUCTURE: Doctors surgeries & Hospitals. Already wards are being closed and threatened with closure at the recently built Wharfedale and if this goes on, more and more patients will be expected to travel on already congested roads to hospitals in Leeds centre. **Public transport** (Trains & Busses). Train capacity is already overstretched during commuter time (so much so that senior citizens passes are restricted to free up spaces on trains leaving Leeds at morning & evening commute times). Even with this restriction many passengers have to stand on their journeys to and from Guiseley / Leeds. No investment means this problem will just get worse. Bus travel to Leeds is pathetic, a bus that travels around many suburbs on its way to Leeds city centre taking about an hour is of no use to those wishing to go to work on public transport, thus causing even more congestion on the roads and increasing travel times. It also forces more commuters to use the train again causing congestion on the railway. A through bus to Leeds as is the case from Otley and Harrogate is essential but no proposal is on the table.

Article referred to in Item 2

Living near an airport 'is bad for your heart'

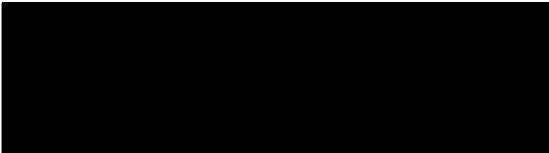
LIVING within six miles of an airport makes people more likely to suffer heart problems and asthma, a study has found.

Researchers blamed carbon monoxide, which is emitted in higher quantities when planes are idling or taxiing on runways.

They found that hospital admissions for asthma and other respiratory problems were 17 per cent higher for people living within six miles of an airport. Admissions for heart problems were 9 per cent higher.

Academics at Colombia University and the University of California looked at the exposure to pollution in 164 residential areas close to the 12 biggest airports in California. Areas within the six-mile limit downwind from the airport on days of higher pollution suffered more incidents of heart, asthma and respiratory problems.

The study is likely to be seized on by those who oppose the building of a third runway at Heathrow on the grounds that it will increase air pollution. About 800,000 people live within six miles of the airport.



Sent By John Ponsford