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I would like to make formal representations with regards the above Neighbourhood Plan.

I believe we have maintained a good working relationship with the Parish Council throughout their Plan making process.

I believe it's unfortunate that ALL their work with regards identifying the best or most suitable sites to satisfy the housing needs of Burley, as they and the local community believe, have been lost as Bradford Council have restricted/removed their ability to allocate such sites. As I understand it this restriction is only in place prior to the selective review of the green belt which is to be carried out by Bradford Council. When this Review of the Green Belt is in process then that would seem to be the appropriate time for the local community to "feed in" their valuable input and therefore that is why I proffer the following additional Policy which would allow the Neighbourhood Plan to utilise its wealth of local knowledge and to contribute positively to the identification of their preferred sites.

I would proffer that the Neighbourhood Plan should be revised and a new policy set included which sets out their "preferred options" for housing. I understand that the "selective" green belt review needs to be the prime mechanism but I also think its embodied in NPPF and other guidance that there should be a reliance on a good working relationship with local communities and their elected bodies and that this relationship should enable a proper and realistic input into the identification of the "preferred housing sites/options".

Therefore the following Policy should be included:

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The Plan (Neighbourhood Plan) will identify their "preferred sites" for housing development, which will be sufficient to satisfy the needs of Burley In Wharfedale and the c700 homes that have been identified in the Core Strategy. In so doing they will have particular regard to the other Policies in their Plan and to the principles of the green belt, that is the maintenance of the openness of the green belt and its 5 main purposes and resist any clear incursions into the open green belt.

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that the Parish Council have in the past recognised the merits of various sites and included them in their Plans.

best regards

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