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**Local Plan – comment on**

Please regard this letter as Baildon Town Council's comment on the suitability of Bradford Metropolitan District Council's proposed Local Plan and forward the letter to the Secretary of State.

Baildon Town Council believes that the Local Plan for Bradford is unsound in that it requires further house building and commercial development within Baildon without the necessary infrastructure and transport improvements being guaranteed.

Baildon should be considered as a special case in that it only has one local and suitable bridging point which is used by traffic travelling from the east towards Bradford, via Otley Road or Baildon Road, in addition to the movement of its own substantial population. This situation leads to extreme congestion at peak times with the accompanying detrimental effects on the environment and quality of life. When there are accidents or blockages to the roads or part thereof, or to the river crossings at Bingley or Apperley Bridge, the chaos is multiplied several fold. Furthermore, flow through this one bridging point has a serious effect on the amount of congestion around Fox Corner, Shipley.


To suggest a further 450 houses should be built in Baildon and that there be future economic development in Lower Baildon, as part of the wider City of Bradford, in addition to those already in the pipeline will make traffic congestion in this area critical. This will reduce the attraction of the area to the businesses that the Plan envisages coming to Lower Baildon as these will require speedy traffic routes to the motorways and trunk roads. In addition, it will make the environment more stressful and unhealthy for commuters, cyclists and pedestrians.



For the plan to be sound in the Baildon area, improvements to the road system need to be in place before any building under the plan. It is, therefore, essential that Bradford Council seeks funding for the Shipley Eastern Link Road with increased vigour and that the road is constructed before any further housing or economic development is allowed to the east of the River Aire. This will not only relieve congestion in this area but also give some shape to the future of the businesses on Dockfield Road, which are currently in limbo due to their being in the line of the proposed link road route.

Yours sincerely



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Town Clerk

