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I would like to make the following comments regarding the Bradford Local Plan both in general and specifically as it affects Ilkley.

As a general observation, while I understand the pressure on the Council to facilitate the construction of new housing stock, I am not convinced of the need for such large numbers of social and affordable homes in Ilkley. I would have thought it more sensible to build these in Bradford and Keighley, where the demand surely exists. Doing so would also enable the use of brownfield sites, rather than encroaching on green belt land.

To specifically address the problems the proposed developments would cause in Ilkley, one has only to consider the already over-subscribed schools, the serious car parking problems and the overstretched medical facilities that already cause serious problems in the town, not to mention the poor public transport links, to realise that without corresponding wholesale improvements to the local infrastructure, the town would grind to a halt in the wake of the proposed developments.

I sincerely hope that these comments will be taken into consideration, and that the Council will see fit not to proceed with the proposed developments in Ilkley.

Yours faithfully

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