

Re:Local plan for the Bradford District- Core Strategy

To the Local plans group

I wish to put forward the following proposal.

There are a number of unused brownfield sites in Bradford which would provide excellent opportunities for housing and small industry. In Thornton where I live this is an area of historical and environmental importance. It is a heritage site due to its connections with the Brontes and a good number of visitors arrive regularly to visit the Bronte birthplace house and the Bell Chapel.

However we have a huge disused building, Prospect mills which takes up acres of land which could be used for retail/ housing and is simply not being utilised. Similarly a small disused public house on Market Street which has some beautiful stone features which is crying out to be turned into a couple of houses. This has been the situation for several years now. Not only are they not being used but they also spoil the village as the mill in particular is on the main road. May I therefore propose these are developed very soon.

The green fields and countryside around Thornton are a precious resource for flora and fauna and provide opportunities for children to have access to green spaces in which to play which in cities these days is a rarity indeed and so badly needed.

I propose we preserve our precious resource of green spaces in Thornton and put plans in place to develop Prospect Mills for affordable housing.

Yours Faithfully

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