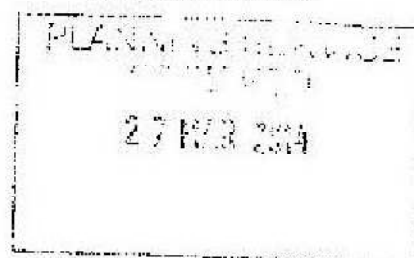


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Dear Sirs,

The Local Plan - Implications for Ilkley

We wish to challenge the proposal for 800 additional homes to be built in Ilkley during the plan period, for the following reasons.

1. The proposed incursions into the green belt at either end of the town will significantly increase urban sprawl along the valley bottom.
2. Additional building on this scale, without any planned increase in local employment opportunities will create additional travel requirements leading to additional congestion and pollution. People should, as far as possible, be housed near their place of work, not far away. Bradford badly needs regeneration through inner city development, not the surrounding countryside.
3. The scope for the redevelopment of the city by building on brown field sites is not adequately addressed. Where are the figures? Building on the green belt is the easy way out - and of course more profitable for developers. The public interest should come above theirs.
4. The plan is very weak on infrastructure. Ilkley is already showing signs of strain.

* Traffic congestion and parking problems have grown rapidly in recent years. The plan will seriously aggravate these - a high proportion of the additional homes will have more than one car.

* Little additional employment land is planned for Wharfedale (see above). Ilkley is not a major employment centre, so why bring in many

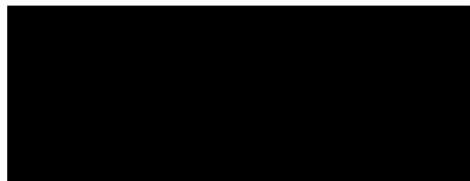
additional people who will need to commute elsewhere to work?

* Existing schools are full, and the plan lacks specific proposals for new ones.

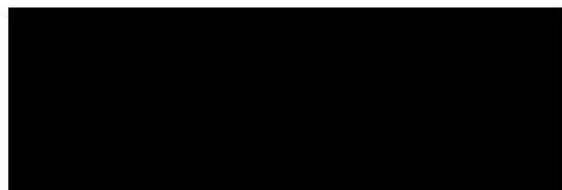
* No additional rail capacity is planned, even though many peak hour trains are full. The A65 is already heavily congested for much of the time.

What is needed is a plan that supports sustainability, and reflects joined up thinking. This does neither.

Yours sincerely,



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