

[REDACTED]

From: Cllr [REDACTED] Townend
Sent: 27 March 2014 20:44
To: LDF Consultation
Subject: Comment on LDF Core Strategy

I have serious concerns as to the viability of the proposal to build an extra 450 houses in the Baildon ward suggested in the plan. There has been substantial housing development in Baildon since the 1960's but no matching improvements to local roads. Bradford Council's plan seems to assume a significant switch to the use of public transport, this seems, to say the least to be optimistic without a massive investment programme. Increased use of rail in particular is problematic, car parking at Baildon station is minimal.

Lack of infrastructure, in general, i.e. doctors, schools, etc. is extremely worrying if all this proposed building goes ahead without it.

There is also the problem of the congestion likely to be created by the proposed building in the Canal Road Corridor and at Bingley and Menston. Given that it is becoming increasingly likely that the Shipley Eastern bye pass will not be opened during the life of the LDF the proposed level of house building has the potential to lead to grid lock.

There is also the issue that house building in Baildon and the Wharfe Valley may have little effect in the relief of Bradford's housing problems if Leeds based people see them as an alternative to north Leeds.

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Regards,
[REDACTED]