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To: LDF Consultation
Subject: Bradford Council Core Strategy

Dear sir,

I would again like to raise issues with the inadequate document produced by Bradford Council and what can only be described as a "unsustainable wish list" for the next 20 odd years hence. This document is full of all the usual flowery statements and buzz words but in reality it will be completely undeliverable without investing in the infrastructure of the district. Not one more property should be passed for construction within the district UNTIL the issues of transport, education, amenities, leisure, social care, health provision etc has been fully addressed. This district is already at grid lock with regards to transport, the road system is falling apart due to lack of proper ongoing maintenance, at rush hours it is grid lock, all the highways seem capable of doing is putting in place more traffic lights, and in the case of Keighley a hare brained scheme to introduce a half baked one way system in part of the town which at the present time is costed out at 1 and a half million pounds and will achieve nothing as the town simply has too much traffic trying to get through the mirade of traffic lights. The answer to this is simple get the through traffic out of the town with a series of by-passes, finish off the dual carriage way from Cottingly around Saltaire and get a proper through road in and out of Bradford Town Centre, at the present time there is not one route in and out of the city that allows traffic to flow, the road system in the Bradford District is simply not fit for purpose and cannot cope with the traffic now, let alone the proposed construction of another 42000 homes with no doubt pushing another 100000 new residents living in them onto the roads and public transport.

The railways aren't in any better state, try getting on a rush hour train after its left Keighley, they are packed to the gunnels, and probably exceed safety limits, so any idea of additional stations constructed is ridiculous without putting on more and longer trains to meet the demand, once again its make do and mend here, we are receiving 2nd hand worn out 20-30 year old trains moved on from the south of England where money is being put into public transport, we receive the cast offs and pay top rates for tickets. Hence once again massive investment is required not only to meet the current demand but any forecast growth in the population.

The schools are full, in many cases parents are having to register their children at birth to try and get them into a school of their choice (which is their right) near where they reside, totally unrealistic, alot of the new build school are of a poor build quality and will probably require replacement in 20 years (before the end of this core strategy!). It appears that all Bradford Council can do is adopt a make do and mend policy with no real long term investment in the very fabric of the district, sadly this ill thought out document is only going to exacerbate the already dire situation.

I would like to know just where the figure of 42000 new homes " required" in the district has come from, what magic formula has been used to come up with this figure?. it seems strange that the former leader of Bradford Council, now MP for Keighley and Ilkley and junior housing minister has been quoted as saying " housing crisis, what housing crisis" when asked for his comments on the proposed new build houses in the district. If there is such as a shortage of homes why are there (at a conservative estimate) 12000+ empty homes in Bradford Councils boundaries, and thousands

more for sale on the market, many for in some cases years. A lot of these properties have dropped around 25% in value over the last 12 months, these figures don't lie!, - a flat in Keighley was recently on the market for £10000!. As Kris Hopkins has correctly said there is no shortage of housing in Keighley and Bingley, perhaps because of the population trends there may be in the center of Bradford.

It would appear to me and many others the demand for property is being fabricated by the developers who want prime green field sites for maximum profit, Not one property should be built on green field and green belt land UNTIL all available brown field sites have been used, to do anything else is a disgrace and a wonderful legacy to pass onto our children and grandchildren.

This document is flawed and should be consigned to the dust-bin, it requires proper considered discussion and application (not 6 weeks for people to respond too), the future of the Bradford District is at stake, to ram it through the system without proper consultation, study, and investigation is a disgrace. I am afraid if this policy is adopted then we are in for more misery through ineffective planning and infrastructure and I really do fear for the future of the Bradford District in the next 20-30 years.

Yours faithfully

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