

**My Comments on**

**The Bradford Local Plan**

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**Subject:**

Ilkley and Ben Rhydding do not have the infrastructure to deal with a large influx of new residents. Transport, Healthcare and Educational facilities are already at straining points.

**Comment:**

To this we can contribute our own story: We moved from Germany to England in May 2012 and applied immediately for school places in Ilkley for our two children in the age of 5 and 7 at Bradford council. After a longer waiting period we were informed that they got assigned to places in different primary schools. One of our boys was to attend a primary school in Silsden, which is 7 miles from Ilkley, and the other one had a place in Menston, which is 4 miles from Ilkley, just the opposite direction. We went to appeal against this decision. In the end we were lucky, as a family whose children were in the same age as ours moved away from Ilkley, and Ashlands Primary School could offer us the two places. This was after almost 6 months that our children had not attended school.

Last year we got an offer for a suspension professorship for 1 year in Berlin at one of the best universities in Germany. After careful consideration, we declined the

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offer. One reason not to take the chance was that the director of Ashlands School was not able to guarantee that the school could take both children back after our return as classes have reached, and in the case of our youngest son, are above capacity already.

Ilkley is a very family friendly town that especially attracts young families. With 800 new houses there will be a corresponding number of families with children in school age. But the capacities of the schools are reached already and Ilkley would not be capable to provide the much needed educational facilities.

800 new houses would have impact on the character of Ilkley and its surroundings for visitors and tourists as well as local residents.

We would like to ask you to consider all this for further planning.

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