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Bradford Council Planning Department
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25th March 2014

Dear Sirs,

BRADFORD LOCAL PLAN - HOUSING ALLOCATION FOR 2015-2030

I wish to lodge my objection and concerns regarding the above plan as proposed for Ilkley. The infrastructure cannot cope with 800 new houses and there is inadequate information in the Plan to show how roads, schools and health care facilities will be developed over the period to meet the requirement of additional population in the area.

It appears from the proposed plan that most of the houses would be built at the eastern side of the town: Land on the A65 which would require direct access to the main road which is already heavily congested.

Land within Ben Rhydding - already busy narrow roads all of which require to pass under the railway bridge or drive through the town to gain access to the A65.

Regardless of where the houses are built they all need to feed on to the narrow corridor to meet the A65. Currently traffic is slow through the approaches to Ilkley from the east and queuing is common on this congested road, particularly at peak time. The main road is also noticeably busier in the summer due to tourist traffic heading to and from the Dales and the Lakes.

800 new homes have potential to add 800 plus children to the area. The current schools, primary and secondary, are already full and consequently residents within the catchment areas experience difficulties in securing a place for their children.

The doctors surgeries are already stretched. How will they absorb a possible addition of 2000 extra inhabitants to the town? The existing hospitals in the surrounding areas are also stretched to deal with current patient needs. How will they cope with more demands?

Train and bus services are inadequate to deal with extra capacity from 1000 or so additional commuters. Local employment opportunities are limited so people will be travelling to Leeds, Bradford or beyond for work. Ilkley town has inadequate parking for commuters. Unless provision is made for improved public transport the commuters will resort to their cars.

I also object to green belt being used for housing. Brown belt sites ought to be exhausted first before any proposals are considered from green belt.

Yours faithfully,

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