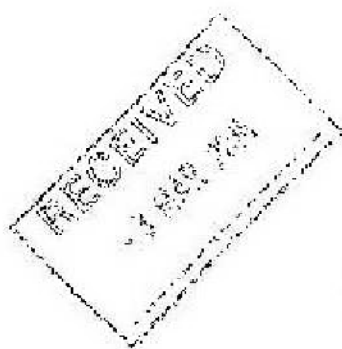


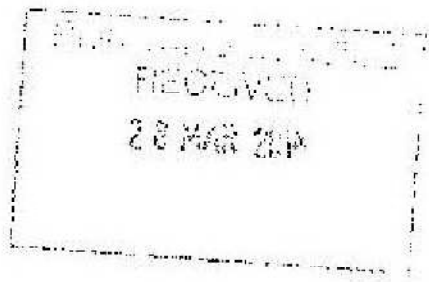
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To the Parish Clerk
Ilkley Town Hall
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LS29 8HB



Dear Sir

Bradford Local Plan

I would like to protest about the proposal in the Bradford Local Plan to build 800 houses in Ilkley and Ben Rhydding. The infrastructure of Ilkley and Ben Rhydding would be unable to cope with the additional demands put on it. In particular:

1. The road network in Ilkley is already creaking. Traffic jams on the A65 are common. At peak times, there is frequently a queue of traffic stretching for over a mile along the A65 on either side of the Ilkley town centre. The planned building of a superstore in Railway Road will itself bring the central road network to breaking point. The traffic generated by the occupants of 800 houses will complete the devastation and extend the traffic paralysis at peak times.
2. The only main road access to Ilkley is on the A65. Other roads are minor. Traffic generated by the proposed development will exacerbate the existing traffic jams on the A65 and severely limit the ability of the emergency services to reach the town.
3. The schools in Ilkley are already full. It is often impossible for existing residents to secure a place for their children in local schools. The problem would be even worse with the children from the 800 homes competing for school places.
4. There is substantial commuting traffic on the train service to Leeds and Bradford, which is already over-crowded at peak times. The service cannot accommodate the extra traffic generated by 800 new dwellings.
5. Flooding in the lower areas of the town is already frequent. The recent inundations have demonstrated the result if concrete replaces soil: floods result from the removal of natural drainage.
6. Car parking in the centre of Ilkley is already at a premium. It is often impossible to find a space in the car parks. Cars are parked on

residential roads. Car parking extends onto roads well away from the town centre. On Middleton Avenue, for example, cars will be parked on both sides of the road for nearly a mile from the town centre, often causing problems for through traffic. The existing problem would be severely exacerbated by the building of 800 dwellings.

7. The other infrastructure services of Ilkley are not designed to cope with the population generated by 800 new dwellings. In particular water supply at the top of the town is already vulnerable to interruption.
8. The development proposed would nibble at the green belt, and considerably reduce the attraction of Ilkley to visitors from the local area and so threaten local businesses which cater for this tourism.

Yours sincerely



Ilkley