

**My Comments on  
The Bradford Local Plan**

**Subject:**

42,100 new houses - 800 in Ilkley

**Comment:**

I am objecting to a significant increase in housing in Ilkley and surrounding villages. We moved here in 2001 and had to appeal to get our 7 year old daughter in to Ashlands Primary. I know that has been enlarged since then, but probably only enough to accommodate the current Ilkley child population. The Grammar School is already over subscribed with children in Addingham and Burley not getting places now! So where on earth are the children from the proposed new housing supposed to go?

The current level of traffic is already bad with often lengthy queues to get in to Ilkley from both directions on the main road. There is really little place for improvement so further houses will only exacerbate the situation. Parking is already a nightmare, I often feel like I am just driving around a massive car park which is Ilkley!

The trains are already overcrowded and buses continually cut back.

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Ilkley should be able to retain it's green belt so we do not become merged with Addingham and Burley, it has is own identity and a very proud heritage. The countryside around Ilkley is special as is its wildlife. Any building on flood plains defies logic, as we have seen what can happen in the last few months, along with the vast environmental issues that it would undoubtedly follow. The green belt was put there for a purpose which still stands today.

Healthcare is already overstretched, the thousands of new people would not be able to fit in to the current surgeries or other NHS services.

Ilkley has had plenty of new homes already built including one behind us, one being built beside us and a whole load more to come just over the bottom of the road. Has all this in-fill been taken into account? If not, may be Ilkley already has increased its size and therefore has already met its quota and doesn't need any more!

Ilkley is a small and already overstretched town and can't accommodate anymore houses without significant improvement of its infrastructure which is unlikely to happen.

Please do not build any more homes.

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