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To: LDF Consultation
Subject: Representation on Bradford Draft Core Strategy

Good evening, I would be grateful if you would accept my representation on the Bradford Council's Draft Core Strategy.

As a resident of Ilkley, I object to the Core Strategy and in particular the intention to develop 800 homes in the Ilkley area. The planning for this outcome has been completed with due regard for neither the contextual factors that apply to Ilkley and it's surrounding environment, or for their practical implementation.

Ilkley has a nature and a character that is different to much of Bradford District. Its nature is such that it has very little strategic employment opportunities and no fundamental industrial personality. Therefore, placing more homes here would seem irrational – homes need to go where the jobs are.

Ilkley is heavily subscribed. The trains, especially during peak times, are already crammed with commuters. The roads through the town centre are often already blocked through the day and there is limited opportunity, given the river and heavy housing that already lines the main thoroughfare, to further enhance the arteries through the heart of Ilkley. On a strategic level, building 800 homes will require further school places in an already over-subscribed school. This will mean a new school and further costly services such as doctors, perhaps a hospital. There appears to be no credence given to how this might be achieved in the core strategic document.

The Core Strategy leaves me to believe that this has not been satisfactorily thought through nor do I believe that the strategic document is corroborated with a workable plan of its implementation.

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