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**To:** LDF Consultation  
**Subject:** Local Development Plan

I am writing to register my strong opposition to the proposals for development of the Ilkley Settlement Area.

You will of course have been made aware of concerns for the valuable and precious green belt land.

You will, I am sure, recognise that such expansion would add tremendous strain on already stressed services such as the four over-subscribed primary schools and one over-subscribed secondary school, the local health centre and the public transport network.

There is very little locally in the way of employment opportunities, with many residents already commuting out of Ilkley for work.

The single trunk road through Ilkley is already heavily used, as are the main roads through the narrow town centre.

Our concern about the increase in traffic was not enough of an objection to stop permission being given to Tesco to build an unnecessary new store, but this potential increase must pale in comparison with the new proposals.

I do not deny that there is a need for homes. However, what is needed are low-cost and social housing, and certainly not any more of the ridiculously expensive houses currently in this area. The areas identified for housing in Ilkley are, in the main, completely unsuitable for such housing and I pity any hardworking family who find themselves rehoused up Owlter Park Road or Curly Hill, a long uphill walk from any amenities.

I am not a 'nimby', but am practical. The ideal spot for building low-cost or social housing in Ilkley is the former Spooners site on Railway Road, currently earmarked by Tesco for their putative expansion.

I look forward to hearing your response, but do expect you to act in this instance.

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