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To: LDF Consultation
Subject: Core Strategy DPD Publication Draft

Dear Sir / Madam

I would be grateful if you could please forward this on to the relevant people and ensure that my objection and reasons are placed against the Bradford Core Strategy Plan - 2014.

I have a number of concerns and the main ones being as follows:-

a) "Loss of Green Space". We need to protect our 'green spaces' this is including green belt land, urban green space and fields and parks in general. The green spaces provide a crucial well being for our health to not only us humans, but to wildlife as well. There are a number of high profile proposed housing developments in the Bradford area and these need to be thought through seriously before any decisions are made. These high profile proposed developments currently provide a key and crucial role and are a habitat to owls, bats and other endangered animals - why are these not being protected? They are also full of local history and played a key and crucial part in Bradford hundreds of years ago. Why are these not being protected for example:- Crooked Lane, Thackley?

b) Transport Infrastructure -

If new houses are to be built where will all the cars go? If for example 'ill thought through' proposed housing developments are anything to go by, where they have calculated that every house will have 1.5 cars? Again, it is a well known fact that if 2, 3, 4 and 5 bedroom houses are being built that there will be more than 1 car per household. It is more likely to be 2 or 3 cars per house, this resulting in an additional 600+ cars. Why don't planning companies get their facts right? As an example, it can take 30 - 40 minutes to drive down Leeds Road - BD10 postcode towards Shipley and Foxes Corner. This is simply not acceptable! The 'pollution', the 'genreal well being' it is outrageous. This is a result of so many houses being built along this stretch of road with no additional infrasture to support it. If Bradford Council approve a housing development on the basis that a planning company will install a roundabout or a set of traffic lights to ease the traffic flow (to cover the costs) this is just passing the problem elsewhere and not dealing with the real issue.

c) Education Infrastructure - If new houses are to be built where will the children be educated? Again if 300 houses are being proposed and they consist of 2, 3, 4, and 5 bedrooms, that is an addtion of possibly 400+ children? Where will they be educated? Why is it that parents are having to commute between 5 and 18 miles to get their children into a primary school?

d) Regeneration - It is a fact that there are 1000's of empty houses within the Bradford area, all standing empty and being left to rot which is resulting in higher crime rates and lack of pride within certain communities, why or why are these not being regenerated first of all before any more houses are built on green fields?? Why don't Bradford Council do an audit on the number of 'empty houses' / 'houses rotting' before approving for any new houses to be built?

e) Brownfield Sites - It should be a priority that Bradford Council know of all the Brownfield Sites within the Bradford area and these should be made public, so the public can see where they are. Why don't Bradford Council ask the public to come forward with

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suggestions and possibly have a committee group from each local area regarding housing? It should be a top priority that these brown field areas are used for housing developments first of all before any green fields are ripped up.

f) Jobs - It will be argued that housing developments will bring construction jobs, well why can't construction jobs be created 're-generating the empty houses' / the 'houses that are being left to rot'? This is only a short sight because once the houses are built the construction workers will move elsewhere. The majority of them are not employed from the local area, but move from town to town with the jobs. What happens when the last field has been built on?

g) Exercise and fresh air - The Government are always handing out facts and trying to encourage people to take exercise and for parents to exercise with their children and that the public are obese. Well don't build on any more green spaces and then adults and children can enjoy them in a number of ways ie: horse riding, walking, cycling, dog walking etc.

h) Finally, Bradford Council should be taking the lead here and doing something to make other Council's jealous and stand out from the rest. Come on Bradford Council take a stand and say 'no more building on our green fields until the brown field sites have been identified and utilised correctly'.

Thank you
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