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From: Griffith

Subject: Proposed House Building Date: 28 March 2014 16:31:00 GMT To: ldf.consultation@bradford.gov.uk

Dear Sir.

I wish to discuss the proposed building of 800 houses in the town of Ilkley.

Firstly, I am extremely concerned about the proposed number. We are told that more houses are needed but nowhere have I seen it explained how this number is determined. I am very concerned this number has been inflated to only prop up the building industry and thus the country's economic recovery.

Where are all the people who are to live in these 800 houses going to work? Having lived in Ilkley for over 30 years I know there are not the jobs in the area to support this number of households which brings me to my next point. How are our roads going to support the number of vehicles this number of households would generate. Ilkley is at saturation point with parking and the trains in rush hour more than full.

Then we come to the other infrastructures needed to support these households, schools and doctors practices are all oversubscribed!

Lastly, the sites that are proposed are questionable. The area above Gill Bank Road has many issues, that is water springs which over this last wet winter have funnelled water down from the field to along bumpy Curley Hill on down Middleton Road. What will building on this area do that water? The other large site on Coutance Way often has sitting water at the far end towards the water works and like the proposed site on Skipton Road comes out onto the A65 which is a very busy major road. The development on the Coutance Way site will almost form a ribbon development with Burley.

Why are there proposals to build on greenbelt land before brownfield sites?

I do hope you give some consideration to the points I have raised.

Yours faithfully



Ilkley