

(Submitted as further statement by Cllr Malcom Sykes rep 409)



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Dear Mr. Blackburn,

Local Plan Core Strategy Examination

The members of Sandy Lane Parish Council feel most strongly that no further development be permitted in the village of Sandy Lane for the following reasons:

- The Parish Council has a policy of resisting any infill of housing within the village, as they work to enhance and protect the parish, and any further housing developments in this area where the roads are already too busy and the school oversubscribed would certainly only be disadvantageous to the village;
- Sandy Lane village is already incredibly busy with existing traffic and could not cope with any further influx of traffic: any further development would increase the number of cars in the area and therefore would increase the traffic on already busy roads;
- Sandy Lane does not have any local facilities that would be necessary to service an influx of population that housing developments would bring: there is no doctors, dentists, local shops, chemists, post office or village hall in the village;
- The nearest doctors and dentists are all already oversubscribed and have no room on their lists;
- Sandy Lane Primary School, the only local school, is already overfull and oversubscribed so certainly could not accommodate further children that a new development may bring;
- The local school also does not have a catchment area so takes in children from all over Bradford, and future priority places would be given to siblings of these children, not to children who live in the village;
- There is no geographical scope to extend the local primary school: recent new portakabin classrooms are already encroaching on the children's playground area and there is no spare land for the school to extend to;
- There are significant concerns relating to the sustainability of local drainage systems in the village;
- There are also significant concerns relating to the sustainability of any proposed development due to environmental reasons (including local wild life, archaeology, heritage, listed buildings etc);

- Another major concern for small villages such as Sandy Lane regarding the Local Development Plan being prepared by Bradford Council is that it seeks to identify land to be developed including green fields on the edges of villages instead of the existing undeveloped brown field sites: development on the Green Belt between villages such as Sandy Lane, Wilsden, Cullingworth and Harden means that these separate villages, and thus village life, will no longer exist as the villages are subsumed into the 'urban sprawl';
- There have recently been two proposed housing developments granted permission by Bradford Council in the area: a development on West Avenue on Wilsden Road within the village, and a larger development on Ivy Lane in Allerton, which by its geographical closeness to the area will also encroach on Sandy Lane.

I hope that you will take the above concerns on board, and please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

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