

Further statement (2) from Addingham Civic Society rep 111

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To: Tony Blackburn
Subject: FW: Core Strategy Soundness

Dear Mr Blackburn,

I am a resident of Addingham I participated in the work done by members of Addingham Civic Society and others to produce a response to the Consultation Draft. Since then I have been involved with other groups in Wharfedale and elsewhere observing developments in the process.

I understand that the NPPF requires that Plans take due account of Flood Risks

The representations from Addingham included a statement of concern regarding flooding. I am not clear whether the issue was included in the Summary of Representations. In the last couple of weeks we have become aware of the Environment Agency's 2014 River Wharfe Flood modelling. I attach a copy of the EA briefing note. I have examined the mapping of flood risk areas from the new model and find that it there are substantial differences between this data and the data published in the SHLAA.

I know of no evidence in the various plan documents which would indicate that the effect of building a high proportion of the 200-odd house planned for Addingham, in green space or in the Green Belt will have on groundwater, surface water and flood risks. Residents have been alerted to the issue, by the recent recognition by Bradford Council of problems emerging from overdevelopment in the Menston area.

Ilkley has a record of flash flooding and surface water problems, the Wharfe valley communities have experienced massive growth in housing numbers in the past, flood risk zones have been extended significantly.

I submit that it is irresponsible to combine the arbitrary housing allocations for communities with the accumulation of sites in the SHLAA without consideration of up-to-date flooding data and a study of the potential effects of such development on Flood and other risks.

Hence the Bradford plan is unsound.

I request an opportunity to speak to this statement during the Examination

Regards
Peter Wilkinson

