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I cannot believe how many new houses it is proposed to permit for Ilkley/Burley/Menston. This completely ignores these facts:

- 1 For decades more and more houses have been jammed into every corner of Ilkley, frequently demolishing existing properties to see how many new houses can be squeezed into the site.
- 2 The A65 cannot cope with current traffic levels with queues into Ilkley every weekday. Nor is the solution a bypass as that would destroy the environment we love and simply encourage even more traffic.
- 3 Ilkley Grammar School struggles to cope with the existing population.
- 4 Railway station car parks particularly at Ilkley and Ben Rhydding are totally inadequate and on-street parking by commuters is already a major issue.

The infrastructure is not there to support even more housing. One cannot help feeling that there must be a connection somewhere between ever increasing net immigration of circa 400,000 per annum and the never ending need to build and squeeze in more and more homes. I hesitate to use the over-used expression, but there is a very obvious lack of joined-up thinking in this planning policy.

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