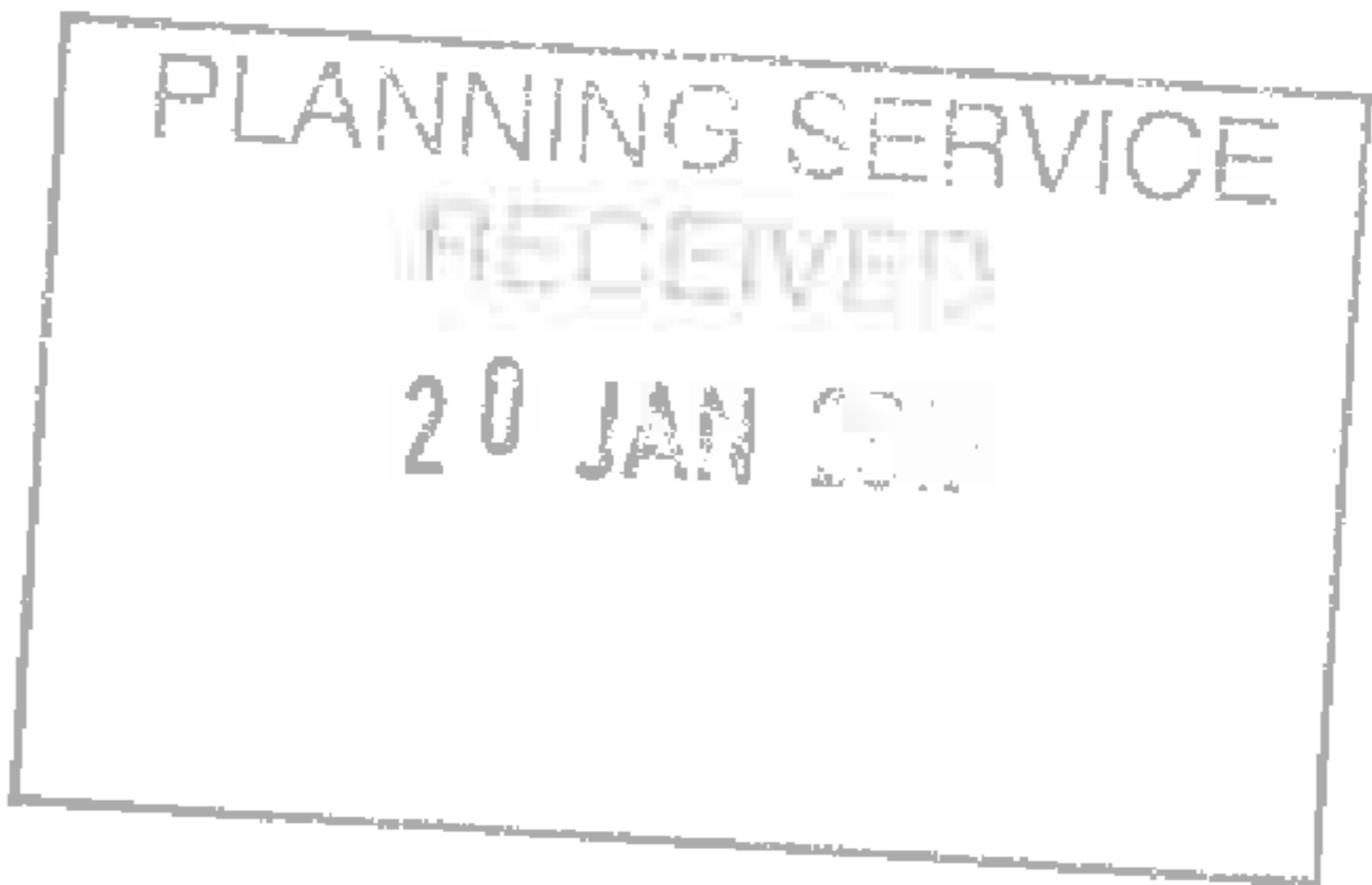


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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to strongly object to the Council's proposal to build 2,500 homes in Wharfedale before 2030.

Any fool can see that, if carried through, the proposals would ruin this valley and is contrary to all our most cherished principles about the 'Green Belt'. A ribbon development would ensue and the unique and special identity of each town would be lost. The area would become more and more 'suburban' in feeling, an overspill expansion to the existing Leeds/Bradford conurbation. I can only conclude that those responsible in the council have malicious intentions towards the area.

It is also obvious that the council has not taken into account the devastation wrought by recent flooding, since many of the proposals seem to ignore the existing flood plains. This has already been pointed out by expert commentators but will no doubt be ignored by the council.

People cannot understand why, when there are so many brownfield sites in Bradford, or huge, semi-derelict mills, why these are not being developed. The city desperately needs revitalising; the countryside needs preserving. Not just for those living in the country, but also for those in the city who need to occasionally escape to the country!

Could someone please take the trouble to explain how the figures for 'housing needs' are arrived at. And could they please do so in a way that does not involve mountains of files and documents on our local library shelves. The art of summary combined with accessibility would be greatly appreciated.

Might I also suggest that the huge sums of money that are being and will be spent on these proposals would be better spent on a nationwide educational programme which enlightened people to the dangerous consequences of over-population on a small island.

Yours sincerely

