

FROM MARTIN BRADLEY

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Dear Ms Childs

Redesignation of land off Dyson Wood Way Bradley

I live on Redwood Drive and have only recently become aware of the proposal in the Kirklees Draft Local Development Plan, which you are considering, to re-designate land referred to above from B1 usage to General Industrial. I appreciate that the period for comment has officially expired but you may not be aware that the Council did not circulate local residents about the proposal and relied on them seeing it for themselves. They may have put advertisements in the Examiner, but these days newspaper reading is in steep decline and I like most of my neighbours. do not get the paper. Maybe technically they were correct, but morally the failure to make people aware says little for caring democracy

There is also a controversial plan for housing on Bradley Golf Course which was well publicised with leaflets circulated and protest meetings arranged providing a distraction from an equally objectionable intention on our own doorstep.

Local residents were always aware that land off Dyson Wood Way was earmarked for Business Development and further extension of this usage was expected. On the presumption that you will approve the Plan, a company (Aflex Hose Ltd) have circulated residents informing them of an imminent proposal to submit an application for large manufacturing building working 24 hours/7days a week on the site. The intention is to transfer and consolidate production and operatives from neighbouring Calderdale but with the carrot of additional jobs I understand that, following preliminary meetings, Kirklees are minded to approve it. (Apparently they can do this unless you instruct them otherwise). In reality the transfer of operatives does not create new jobs it merely steals them from Calderdale.

Most other residents on the estate are equally concerned about the situation but, as the period for comments has expired, are unsure what they can do. If amounts of emails or letters on this matter would assist you in arriving at a balanced decision then my neighbours would only be too willing to co-operate.

Yours sincerely

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