

From: [Kate Mansell](#)
To: [DCAdmin](#)
Subject: FW: Housing Development on Fields off Rowley Lane 2020/92307
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Dear Kate,

I wish to object to the advancement of the above development on the following basis:

DRAINAGE:

1. Damage to the local environment by the increase of water run off into Fenay Beck which is already prone to flooding in heavy rain situations. I realise that work has been done to alleviate this problem but the efficacy of the work has yet to be proven and climate change will only increase the amount of rainfall in this area as has been thoroughly predicted and is now been proven by the summers that we are experiencing. ``

OVER DEVELOPMENT:

1. 550 houses will mean perhaps 1100 extra motor vehicles queuing to get out onto the main roads of Wakefield Rd and Penistone Rd. This will mean increased CO₂ emissions as well as other local pollutants such as brake dust which will contribute to poorer health in the Village and consequently increased demand on the local Surgery.
2. Road safety will be compromised by such a surge of traffic at morning rush hour when Lepton School children are also on their way to school, many of them walking or cycling as we try to encourage a more healthy lifestyle.
3. Schools will not be able to cope in their current form and expansion will necessarily need to take place on yet more green field sites increasing the catastrophic consequences on

wildlife, flora and fauna.

4. The local Doctors surgery is insufficient for an increase in its patients of potentially 20%.
5. The Dentist surgery would be likewise compromised.

LACK of GREEN SPACE:

1. Lepton is an area of natural beauty valued by all its residents, this development will remove a large area of green space which necessarily will result in loss of habitat for birds, insects – such as bees that are in trouble right now, amphibians as this demand to build on green field sites is slowly removing essential migration paths which allow diversity and population increase, both small and large animals such as mice, voles, badgers and foxes. It is vandalism on a massive scale to insist on building where science tells us it is unsafe to

do so.

2. The residents of Lepton have made their wishes clear in a 2019 consultation when returned questionnaires unanimously showed that any building must not be on green field sites but that existing brown field sites should be used to minimise environmental damage. There are several large brown field sites in the Town Centre and Dalton/Kirkheaton where old industrial sites now lay derelict and form a complete eyesore to everyone. Huddersfield Town Centre desperately needs work to make it attractive to visitors for shopping and development of these derelict sites would very much help the situation as well as providing the 'needed' affordable housing.

Many Unused shops and Office Blocks are also available in the Town Centre and many of these are likely to remain empty as shopping habits change from the high street to the internet. It is senseless to destroy beautiful green field areas when there is now a massive change in the commercial landscape making so much potential available for conversion to flats and other, perhaps, short term housing for those in need.

This is a very sad time for Huddersfield, what used to be a vibrant town with lots of impressive architecture is slowly being allowed to decay into something from the third world whilst its beautiful surrounding country side is required to be built on making for the urban sprawl that has characterised many British Towns thorough short sighted town planning rules.

With many of my Lepton residents I do hope that common sense eventually surfaces and these foolish plans are ditched.