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Good morning,

By way of introduction, I am a current resident of Linthwaite, having moved into the area just three months ago.

I came across the notification to build 125 dwellings close to my home via a Facebook group for local residents, and the views which I put forward are predominantly my own, but are strongly words which are currently echoing around the town. Whilst I may be one of the few people who are able to find the time to formally sit down and write an email,

Please find my reasoning to my objections listed below.

1) My husband and I who are both in full time employment, moved to Linthwaite as we were attracted by its open spaces and beautiful views and landscapes. Like many who have recently moved to the area, if it becomes clear that the council and local developers are taking away too much greenery, we will not hesitate in leaving the town when the fixed term of our mortgage completes, if the relaxing area becomes a development site once again.

2) The houses which have been built in Linthwaite over the past 3 years have been to a very disappointingly low standard. Having just moved into one myself, I am shocked by the abysmal standard of the properties. All of these residents, including my neighbours and myself, feel very neglected by the community, and feel that time should be taken to get things right on these estates (specifically the Stonegate Estate off Waingate) before looking elsewhere at new money opportunities. For instance, the whole of this estate still has to deal with rubble, waste, noise pollution, unfinished roads and lack of street lighting. It is undeniable that the developer, Kier, has left Linthwaite in a worse state than they found it.

3) The existing new homes already in the area, have succeeded in bringing people into Linthwaite, but each new resident of the town was drawn to Linthwaite due to its existing features (scenic views and walks, quiet atmosphere, small town culture), and to start to remove these attractive elements will surely deter people from staying long-term. Whilst adding over

100 dwellings could seem appealing in the short term in terms of adding the number of people contributing to the town's economy, in the long term if people leave and don't stay long enough to settle and have families, this counteracts the benefits completely.

4) There is already too much activity around the streets where the planning has been arranged. I would urge anyone reading this email to visit the area around the times of 8-9am and 3-6pm during the week as a small example. Between the drop offs at the local schools, and commuters, traffic is already an issue on the somewhat narrow and bumpy roads. Local residents can find their short journeys doubling in some cases, as busses struggle to turn corners causing blockages, and parents park all over the streets. This is already dangerous, as just last week I witnessed a crash outside of my house, whilst parents tried to collect their children and a van tried to enter a small street with very little space.

5) On a sustainable note, construction would not only add to noise pollution for the existing residents, but it will cause a massive increase in Linthwaite's carbon footprint. Construction contributes a significant percentage of the UK's total carbon footprint, with heating alone being a huge contributor to the nation's footprint; with homes being more significant than all other building types put together. People come to Linthwaite for walks, fresh air and a relaxed atmosphere. Any additional houses should be put elsewhere, where demand is higher and the need for investment, is greater.

6) Demand for houses in Linthwaite is not significantly high enough to justify additional dwellings being added to the area. The benefits of adding more buildings does not outweigh the cons of taking away green land and open space. New build homes can appear attractive to first time buyers, but those already living in the area can only experience what is being taken away. Going for quantity over quality of houses, is going to attract the wrong type of buyers, and cause the people who bring in the larger percentage of income to the area, to consider leaving.

7) Following COVID, more people are spending a significantly larger amount of time in their homes and local areas. Those who are new to Linthwaite, and, equally, those who have lived in Linthwaite all of their lives, deserve to be able to enjoy the area, without years of disruption from construction, pollution and long-term disruption to their day to day lives.

8) The town of Huddersfield is significantly underdeveloped, and to be honest, an embarrassing student town. Having moved from Manchester, and experienced a thriving city for many years, I am really disheartened to see the state which Huddersfield town centre and the immediate surrounding areas has become. Many buildings between Linthwaite and my place of work are derelict, with most suffering from smashed windows and graffiti. Huddersfield is not a place that I would feel proud to bring friends and family when they visit me in Linthwaite, and it goes without any doubt that better housing and more opportunities need to be created in Huddersfield, leading me to question why the focus would instead come to Linthwaite, where community spirit is positive and the area is relatively well looked after by residents. If you are looking to make short term financial gains, you could be better positioned to speak with the community about their ideas and expectations to make the local areas better, as adding more housing is certainly not the solution.

I do hope that my message is taken into consideration, and also that if the response rate to your proposal is low, that you appreciate that this message stems from conversations between the

Linthwaite community, and not just my own personal views.

I would also like to point out that I am a _____ myself, so these objections do not come without having considered the other side of the coin. Despite being a property enthusiast, I can clearly see that residential development within Linthwaite is a poor choice.

I would welcome any response to my email and my objections,

Best regards,