

Submission by Alison Munro (kirkburton parish councillor for the Lepton Ward) on behalf of Almondbury Ward Liberal Democrats.

I have read the submission by local group GAIL and we are broadly supportive of their comments on all the matters referred to in their submission on Matters 15 -25 of the Stage 3 Hearings.

I would like to say the following on behalf of the Liberal Democrats (Almondbury Ward)

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We submit that the PDLP is not consistent with National Policy, as it has failed to provide adequate and appropriate consideration of infrastructure requirements by the PDLP and has inadequately assessed a number of key infrastructure elements, such as education, transport and health, to the extent that the proposals are unrealistic and do not meet the soundness test (Clause 182 of the NPPF).

a)We submit the transport infrastructure assessments made for specific sites, focussed on the existence of public transport and not on the capacity of public transport to effectively move commuters during rush hours. Hence growth in vehicle use from developments not within walking distance of significant employment sites has been underestimated with impacts on congestion, public health and climate change.

Additionally there appeared to be no effort to prioritise development along rail corridors (although the possibly indefinite delays in improvements to the Trans Pennine rail line have also not been considered.

The effects on traffic flow from multiple developments within a single area have not been addressed since they have not been aggregated into a single larger development, which should have been done for strategic purposes. In particular well over 1000 new houses are proposed within the Penistone Rd corridor, which feeds into the bottleneck on Wakefield Rd at Waterloo. This corridor does not appear to feature in the strategic transport corridor assessment. Further delays at this junction will add significantly to local pollution and public health in an already densely populated area.