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**Planning Consultation Bradley
Section BR16**

I am writing in connection with the above planning consultation and with particular reference to the section: BR16 Gilders, Langholme and land west of Skipton Road Bradley.

I have always been opposed to development on this land for two reasons.

The first is the fact that the land is wet. Although, the Consultation Document makes reference to water draining off the land, it makes no reference to the fact that there are springs in the field through which the public footpath runs. A spring surfaces in the middle of the field, close to the footpath. There is a spring which runs very fast down the side of the left-hand wall facing up the footpath field. This runs under the road into a drain outside Kirk Lea and then down under Heath Crescent.

The centre of the field near the footpath gets waterlogged and when the land is saturated water drains out of the field and across Skipton Road. Building on this site will take out land that is valuable in holding water.

The Consultation Document places a lot of stress on the type of and siting of the buildings, but it barely makes any mention about the disposal of water run-off from the springs and waste water and sewerage from all the new houses to be built on the site. Building on this site should require new drainage and sewerage systems.

The Yorkshire Water plan of the sewerage system around the Skipton Road, Aire Valley Drive area is, I'm fairly certain out of date and inaccurate, unless it has been updated recently. The map I hold shows the sewer extending down Skipton Road past my house. There is no outflow down Skipton Road from the manhole outside my house. The sewer goes under my drive into a manhole in my garden, where it takes sewerage from the semi-detached houses in Skipton Road. It then continues straight down into the land of 12 Heath Crescent adjacent to the school, where it takes the sewerage from the houses in Heath Crescent. There have been a number of problems with blockages to the sewer in the land adjacent to the school. This is an old sewer and not designed to take additional sewerage/water from another 20 or so new houses.

The second reason for objecting to development of this land is that it will add to the traffic problems in Skipton Road. Skipton Road is a very busy road and is the main exit out of the village for any traffic travelling to Skipton and beyond and to joining Skipton bypass. Whenever there is a traffic hold up on the main, the road is used as a 'rat run' to avoid the hold ups. In addition to which cars are parked along the road particularly during the school week. It really does not need any more vehicles from newly built house exiting on to the road at the point where the new houses would be built. The road over Heath is also used by people from the village walking over and back along the canal bank. It is narrow, winding with several blind bends. More traffic on the road would make it even more dangerous.

I would ask you to take into consideration these comments when deciding whether or not to include this site in the Village Plan and granting Planning Permission for building on the site.

Yours faithfully

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