



Ref: Petition to Keep Clayton Green

Please find enclosed a petition to ask you reconsider your approach to residential development on the green spaces of Clayton and the wider Bradford area.

The Local Plan for Bradford District Development - published in May 2016 - shows a number of possible sites allocated for development that will further denude the green spaces of Clayton that are all part of the social amenity that we all know and love. An amenity that develops community cohesion, encourages physical activity and improves general health and wellbeing. The first potential development is in the pipeline with the commercial house builder Barratt's currently exploring the opportunity to build 95 houses on a field at the top of Westminster Avenue. Clayton the village was not built to cope with such widespread development. The consequence of this potential housing expansion will significantly impact on the following:

- Increased traffic congestion on already busy narrow roads and lanes, growing road safety concerns
- Permanent damage to the village's character and environment and further marginalising important wildlife
- Place additional pressure on already over-subscribed schools and health centres and other key infrastructure.

Keep Clayton Green Action Group was formed by concerned residents of the village and its aims are:

- The preservation, conservation and protection of the Clayton and the wider community's green environment - whether green fields, green spaces or green belt from inappropriate development.
- To promote to the public of Clayton, the wider communities and key stakeholders the benefits relating to sustainable development, the protection of the environment in the local area and the benefits of those green spaces as a social amenity.

It is acknowledged that there is a major need for housing that addresses the key needs of the area, particularly social housing. However, a strategic approach that does not prioritise brownfield sites, focus on bringing back empty houses and buildings in to use or address the key infrastructure and environmental concerns highlighted is neither appropriate nor sustainable.

Similarly an approach that neither recognises nor addresses, through a lack of integration, other key issues such as: community cohesion; inter-generational loneliness and isolation; general health & wellbeing and mental health concerns; the rising numbers of people living with Dementia; and the increasing older population, particularly at a time of financial constraint where resources are limited.

On behalf of Keep Clayton Green Action Group and the residents of Clayton we ask you to review and revise your approach to residential development on the green spaces of Clayton and the wider Bradford area.

Any questions you may have can be addressed via email at info@keepclaytongreen.co.uk Thank you for taking the time to read this and your consideration in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

Rachel Fox

Treasurer

On behalf of Keep Clayton Green Action Group 5th July 2017