

Rachael Balmer

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Hello,

I am contacting you to express my opposition to the proposed developments around Beadlam village, specifically site numbers 147, 267 and 481.

I have several concerns about these potentially extensive developments which together could seemingly see the footprint of the village increase by more than 200%. Beadlam is a small village, primarily served by a single narrow road - High Lane. The nature of the houses on much of High Lane necessitates on street parking such that only single file traffic is then possible and patience is required when meeting people coming the other way. This system is workable with present levels of road traffic, but adding many more houses and hence traffic onto this narrow road seems likely to see this situation become problematic.

Furthermore our village is not served by any shop, post office, petrol station, doctors or banks. It is a hamlet of a few dozen houses and as such it is a place which I would have thought highly unsuitable for development by the addition of more residential properties without any accompanying services.

There is also the issue of blocking traffic on the A170, as would occur if many more people were attempting to turn into the sites on either side of the A170 at peak times. This problem is avoided in Helmsley by the addition of a filter lane to access the residential area on the eastern edge of the village, together with a roundabout in the village centre, but it would be require a major re-engineering of this arterial road to provide similar traffic freeing measures through a much busier Beadlam.

Lastly there is the related issue of access to Ryedale secondary school, which is situated down a narrow lane in the contiguous village of Nawton and which already suffers serious congestion at either end of the school day. This over-subscribed school would need extending significantly to accommodate additional families within its catchment area, while I cannot see any easy solution to the issue of access which would only worsen, potentially halting traffic flow on the A170 altogether.

I understand that there is a shortage of affordable housing within the district but consider that the new homes needed might be better sited adjacent to more established villages and towns, which might provide new residents with more employment opportunities without the need to commute so far and add to the pressure on our roads and the carbon footprint of all this traffic.

Kind regards,

Dr and Mrs Webster