

Rachael Balmer

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Sent: 01 January 2016 12:34
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Subject: Re: Ryedale Plan consultation 2015

Dear Rachael,

Thank you for adding me to the LDS consultation database - this will be helpful.

I fully understand the distinction between the planning application process and the LDS process. I also understand that inclusion of a site as suitable in the LDS does not confer automatic planning approval.

My point is simply that inclusion of a site in the LDS infers suitability for development. The recent (June 2015) Pecketts Yard planning application resulted in a significant number of responses from residents and agencies. These indicated the site's unsuitability, in particular the comments from Ryedale highways dept which stated Main Street and East End are too narrow to support vehicle access. This fact is unchanged by variation of future planning proposals - however many houses of whatever type are proposed for Pecketts Yard, the access will remain too narrow.

Given this fact is constant, it is nonsensical that Pecketts Yard is highlighted in the LDS as the primary development site in Sheriff Hutton. (In fact, I suggest this shows up the flaws in the site selection methodology).

Re LDS consultation, I understand the scale of the process but feel Ryedale's reliance on a six year old consultation exercise is unacceptable and at odds with the lofty ideals set out in the SCI when you have access to contemporary responses. This exemplifies the lack of synergy between the planning process and LDS process and is a classic example of left hand not knowing what the right hand is doing. The LDS is a long-term, major strategic document that sets out the approach for the next 20+ years. To ignore a significant number of detailed responses obtained in June 2015 in favour of a small number of responses obtained in 2009 is absurd and flies in the face of the SCI. Any meaningful attempt at consultation would, for example, have ensured respondents to the 2015 planning application were made directly aware of the Nov/Dec 2015 LDS consultation. You have chosen to ignore recent email and postal contacts in favour of a poster in a bus stop notice board - hardly cutting edge consultation that Ryedale can be proud of, is it?

Please suggest to the Forward Planning Team that they take a proactive approach, harvesting contacts obtained in response to planning applications to ensure interested residents are automatically made aware of relevant LDS site consultations.

Regards Jo