

Charlotte Bogg

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To: Charlotte Bogg
Subject: Ryedale Plan consultation 2015

I am somewhat astonished to have yesterday evening, 21st December, been alerted to the online consultation of sites suitable for inclusion in the updated Ryedale Plan. I am aware that the response deadline for comment is given as 14th December, but as there seems to have been no effort whatsoever to publicise the consultation to local residents, I am sure you will accommodate a late response.

On that point, having read with care the Statement of Community Involvement, I am at a loss as to how you consider the sole use of a web-based consultation meets the requirements of a document that sets out in considerable detail how you wish to and how you intend to involve local communities.

I write with regard to the site selection methodology's identification of Pecketts Yard as the preferred development site for Sheriff Hutton. The formulaic tick box approach used highlights the flaws of this process. A planning application was made at this site in summer 2015 (15/00736/MFUL). This generated a robust response from the local community and numerous statutory agencies, resulting in a significant range of objections, difficulties and reasons why the application to develop 19 homes was entirely inappropriate at this location. I am sure you will have access to the responses which will enlighten you on how the proposal to build at Pecketts Yard was received. The application was withdrawn.

It is therefore astonishing to find that Ryedale has, without any contact with the local community, re-opened this matter and is proposing this site as the one and only site suitable for development in Sheriff Hutton and I wish to register my objection in the strongest possible terms.

You have failed to follow the guidance of the Statement of Community Involvement in your consultation which is therefore inadequate.

You have made no contact with the local community to understand why this site is inappropriate for development.

You have not used the wealth of information gained in response to the 2015 planning application in the site decision-making process.

As a result, you are proposing to set in stone via the Ryedale Plan an entirely unwelcome and inappropriate decision which has already been strongly objected to by the local community and other specialist agencies. (For example, this includes Ryedale's Highways dept which identifies that the access road to the site is at places below the legal minimum width for a road)

I would ask that you

- a) Take these comments on board as consultation response
- b) Reply direct to me on the points I have raised.
- c) Inform me simply and clearly of the next steps in this process (which seems to be designed to exclude local residents who will be affected by your decisions), I wish to know what happens next and when and how I can make sure my views are made known.

I am appalled by the lack of sincerity displayed in this process and how, despite fine words about involving communities, your actions deliver decisions that directly impact on those of us living in Sheriff Hutton.

Jo Harrison