

## Charlotte Bogg

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**To:** Charlotte Bogg  
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Dear Ryedale District Council,

I am responding to your letter of 30th October.

Firstly perhaps I can say, as a layman, how confusing I found the various documents on the website, particularly the correlation between the various maps for each Parish (Parish Plans), which seem to have been adopted in the past year or two, and the statements which are made that development will be concentrated in the market towns and the 10 'Service Villages', although there is a statement that 'no decisions have been made at this stage'.

If it is correct that no development at all will be allowed outside the areas mentioned above, why are the 'Parish Plans' for villages such as ours (Thorpe Bassett) included at all, please, as anything we might say on this appears to have no relevance ?

I will confine my comments to 3 areas, as follows :-

### 1. General

As I commented on my original submission some time ago, whilst I would agree that the bulk of future development should take place in the towns and 'service' villages, I consider that the Council should take on board the fact that there is potential and need in other villages for small-scale development as, for example, farm holding patterns change or scope exists for the occasional 'infill' of 1 or 2 houses. This would avoid a future of potential decline in those communities where families have to move away because there is no new housing available in their own immediate locality, which gradually become enclaves for the wealthy and/or elderly people, whereas a mix of ages is more desirable.

I also wonder whether the criteria you use for 'service' villages needs a fresh look - for example, West Heslerton has a school and pub, and is on a bus route but does not appear as a 'service' village. How is it intended to keep up numbers at the school if no new homes are permitted, for example ?

I would also make the comment, which I am sure many people would agree with, that it is all very well pushing development towards Malton/Norton, Pickering etc, when these places are often choked with traffic already. Surely there needs to be a proper infrastructure plan put in place as a condition of allowing any further major development to relieve the traffic 'pinch points' such as Butcher Corner and the Level Crossing in Malton ?

### 2. Thorpe Bassett

I refer to the 'Parish Plan' map. It would seem that sites 237 & 315 are one and the same, and, being sited on a sharp bend, would be unsuitable for development.

Site 236 is the garden of a house owned by the Wintringham Estate, and, whilst probably suitable for building one house a better scheme would be to use the easternmost edge of the land to access the piece of land beyond, which is completely overgrown and inaccessible at present.

Site 314 is currently used for farm purposes and separated from the main part of the village by a wide farm track and public right of way ; development of this would be outside the 'natural' boundary of the village

and 'stick out like a sore thumb'.

Finally, sites 234/5 are currently part of the same farm, but I am aware that the Estate wishes to re-order its farm holdings ; were the current activities to cease, rather than the site rapidly becoming derelict it would be greatly beneficial to the village as a whole to allow a small scale development here of, say, up to 4 houses - a good example of the general point I was making earlier, in fact.

### 3. Rillington

From the detail submitted regarding this village, it would seem that the only new site recommended is off Low Moorgate, and generally small scale, which seems quite acceptable.

There are at present some pretty untidy areas on Westgate, some of which are currently for sale, and perhaps a careful look is needed at that whole area on each side of Westgate to see what could be better done to both enhance the area and create small scale developments of affordable homes, all of which would help sustain local services such as the school, doctor's surgery, post office, and shops which many people depend on ?

I would welcome any feedback you can offer on the above points, please, but especially how the plan would allow for small scale development in the 'non-service' villages to meet local needs and changing circumstances

Yours faithfully

Rex North