

6th December 2015

Dear Jill Thompson,

With regard to the current Sites Selection Process we have the following comments to make.

The reasoned arguments which were employed regarding Fitzwilliam Estates' High Malton application are still relevant to a large high-density development of that site (site 218) These include :-

Increased traffic - using narrow residential roads as rat-runs and adding to the unresolved issues at Butcher Corner, including queuing and air pollution

Also to be considered is the impact on the Howardian Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, which the Council has a duty to protect.

Access to the A64 is a priority for any new development in and around Malton. This site is not suitable unless a link road is built opposite the site to the York Road to alleviate the existing traffic problems at the Castle Howard Road/Yorkersgate/York Road junction.

Loss of good grade agricultural land – a worrying trend given that we are an island nation and really need to be self-sufficient.

The on-going issues with a sewerage system that is struggling to cope with existing developments needs to be resolved before consideration is given to any further house-building projects that would only worsen a very serious problem.

Consideration should also be given to spreading the load of new house-building projects within the Ryedale area in a fairer manner to include building new houses in the villages to enable them to survive and progress , rather than inundating Norton and Malton with ever more developments.

Yours sincerely,

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