

For the attention of Jill Thompson

Dear Mrs Thompson

I would like to submit the following comments/observations regarding the Ryedale Plan, for your consideration.

- Development in non-service villages should not have occupancy clauses imposed on them. There is room for development in many villages, but with this clause attached it makes the building of any more development non-viable, thus impacting on that village and its community.
- Development is being encouraged and focussed solely on the towns, which is very much to the detriment of the villages.
- It is perfectly reasonable to allow some development in villages, as well as in towns.
- There is pressure from central Government to support small and medium sized builders, the Ryedale policy does not help this, it prevents it. Whilst this policy in theory has merits, it does not work in practice as sites are not coming forward; they are blighted as the finished article is not worth the investment. Mortgage finance seems to be impossible.
- In my opinion the plan is 'unsafe' as it cannot deliver in allowing rural communities to thrive.

Many houses have already been built in the gardens of existing houses in Moor Lane, Broughton. I would like to downsize from my current home (where I have lived for 17 years, and where my children grew up) and build a more suitable dwelling in the rear garden (the only houses that have been available for sale here are not suitable for me), but the current occupancy clauses mean that this is just not a viable option even though this would then open up a larger home for another family to move into Broughton and experience/add to the community here.

The development line has also been drawn up around only my garden on this side of the street, even though there are houses either side of it, so a precedent has been set and a build in this particular place would only be filling in a line of dwellings that is almost complete.

Kind Regards

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