

To Whom it concerns

This document seems to be a rehash of previous data gathered over many years with the addition of more potential development sites. The issue with this is that the foundations of the original documents remain as though nothing has changed, and even worse, the original errors persist.

As a resident of Kelbrook and Sough it saddens me that the erroneous designation as a service centre (RSC), which I questioned at the first iteration, is even more farcical now than when this whole process started. The fact the village has a petrol station with an "eat to go" shop, two hotels, a primary school, usually with a full roll, and various small commercial businesses, mostly employing low skilled labour, does not equate to a service centre.

Kelbrook and Sough is a small parish that sits on the A56, the only major road in and out. To the south it goes via Foulridge to Colne whilst to the north it goes to Skipton.

Additional housing within the parish will be unsustainable for the following reasons:

There are very limited high skilled well paid jobs within the parish boundaries or within reach via cycling or public transport links

The properties that will be built will be beyond the financial reach of existing residents families (eg current Cob Lane development where prices are circa £500,000)

Most household shopping will require journeys along the A56

Employment opportunities will require journeys along the A56

All secondary and higher education will require journeys along the A56 (Secondary pupils from the parish are generally enrolled in schools in Colne)

Most leisure activities will require journeys along the A56 (There are real possibilities this will get even worse as more financial pressure is applied to close Barnoldswick Leisure Centre)

The designation of Kelbrook and Sough as a RSC should therefore be amended to a realistic designation and the desperate attempt to carry on making the A56 a ribbon development, despite the many attempts to get a bypass all having failed, cease

Finally the apparent lack of focus on the various local plans already in place is very noticeable. Yes there are tacit acknowledgements but it seems a missed opportunity to use these as the basic foundation of this plan for those areas which have plans in place rather than just ride roughshod over them.

Yours

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