

To; Kirkbymoorside Town Council Planning Committee

From; [REDACTED]

Re; Consultations on the sites submitted for the Plan Review

Date; 21/11/2022

Sites 41, 10, 254, 117 and 308

All these sites to the east of town are within the area designated by Ryedale District Council as being a Visually Important Undeveloped Area. This designation should give them significant protection against development as the VIUA contributes to the setting of Kirkbymoorside and protects the views into and across the town. It also provides significant views from the town into the surrounding countryside. In addition most of site 308 is also in an Area of High Landscape Value and it sits across the valley of the Dove from the North York Moors National Park. A housing development in that location would be to the detriment of the amenity of that National Park.

One of the key considerations of the planning process as previously set out was to avoid the coalescence of Kirkbymoorside, Kirby Mills and Keldholme. Developing any of these sites to the east of town would ultimately result in the loss of the identity of both Kirby Mills and Keldholme and should be resisted.

One of the key concerns for someone living on Swineherd Lane is the current and persistent problem experienced due to surface water that accumulates on this road. This situation has already been highlighted to the Town Council (11th July, attached). The whole of the south and east facing slopes of Vivers Hill above Swineherd Lane drain onto Swineherd Lane. At the moment the excess water from most of the southern slope escapes off Swineherd Lane through the gateway into 254, and the excess from the eastern slope escapes off Swineherd Lane through the gateway into 308. That excess water then percolates slowly down to the river Dove. This Natural Flood Management slows the flow down to Kirkby Mills and Keldholme and protects those two settlements from even more flooding. Building on these two areas will have a disastrous effect on the flooding of the river Dove below.

We respectfully ask that the Planning Committee take these comments into consideration.

Yours Sincerely

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