

My wife and I have lived in Pogmoor for over 33 years and wish to protest in the strongest terms regarding the attempt by the council to take more of green belt land with this unnecessary development. Barnsley Council have a long and carefully cultivated track record of pressing ahead with residential and commercial development whilst totally ignoring the objections of the residents whose lives are affected by such proposals.

There are numerous examples of recent residential developments built on school playing fields to feed the seemingly insatiable need for more houses which in turn fuel the need from Sheffield/Leeds commuters who then increase the demand on local schools and hospital etc. Commercial development seen by the opportunist advocates as attractive due to the proximity to the arterial motorway simply add credence to Barnsley as a land of the opportunist.

Surely the building of 1760 houses will cause more traffic problems and how many sections of new road will it take in the surrounding areas to relieve it. The main justification of this development put forward is to relieve Higham and Barugh Green of HGV through traffic if that is the case why not simply impose weight restriction, if that is not feasible then build the road not the houses.

The sheer folly of proposing this massive development on green belt will unavoidably subject local residents to years of nuisance, noise and dust etc. We are still coping with disruptions from the council other development in Pogmoor i.e. the destruction of Penny Pie Park, which had many, many objections, which were ignored. Only time will tell whether this is going to ease traffic or just become another car park as has other so called traffic improvements in Barnsley have become.