MIQ response re Matter 9 from Elizabeth Murphy 5285

From: Liz Murphy
Sent: 28 August 2019 16:17
To: Tony Blackburn
Subject: Local Development Plan for Crawshawbooth and Loveclough

Dear Mr Blackburn,

As a resident of Loveclough I have grave concerns about the overdevelopment of the area.

Obviously the sheer numbers of extra cars and residents are going to have an impact on local services and infrastructure.

Crawshawbooth Primary School is already over subscribed and any expansion of the site would be detrimental to the health and well-being of the pupils. Children need outdoor space and greenery to thrive. I walk my grandson to school down Goodshaw Lane every day because the main road is congested and full of fumes. The number of cars using the lane has increased dramatically over the years, giving me concerns for our safety. If another 124 houses are built at the Swinshaw Hall site it would be impossible to use this alternative route without risk. The number of extra pupils would also have a knock on effect to the chaos being experienced in the local Secondary schools due to the lack of appropriate places, access and parking.

You must also be aware of the pressure that will be put on doctors and dentists in the area. This will have a detrimental effect on the services they offer.

Travelling on the one road in and out of Loveclough is also difficult and has to be timed to precision if you have an appointment to keep or a meeting to get to. This would only be exasperated by the additional cars using the road ,especially at peak times.

The environmental effect on the area would be great as even more farmland is lost to housing. Over the past few years we have experienced flooding in the area as water does not have chance to drain away naturally but hits yet more concrete.

I realise you are under enormous pressure to provide additional housing in Rossendale but surely residents need to have opportunity to be consulted before such great numbers of houses are built in our small community.

Thank you
Elizabeth Murphy