

Aireborough Neighbourhood Forum (ANF)

Site Allocations Issues and Options – Greenspace Response

This response to questions about Greenspace Provision in Aireborough is a true representation of data and comments taken from the completed ANF Questionnaires received to date 26/7/2013.

For the purposes of submitting these facts to Leeds City Council clearly, for their consideration, this response follows the format of questions G1 – G9 as found in the Leeds City Council public consultation booklet: -

[Site Allocations Plan Volume 2: 1 Aireborough](#)

Introduction:-

The ANF questionnaire boundary differs from the Leeds City Council Site Allocations boundary shown in their booklet, as it covers the areas of Highroyds, Hawksworth, Guiseley, and Yeadon (Rawdon, Carlton and Horsforth are therefore not included in the following ANF data).

Distributed to 12,000 addresses in the ANF area it was designed to be simple and easy to complete enabling people from all walks of life to air their views, this also differs (feedback data) from the Leeds City Council booklets [Volume 1: Plan Overview](#) and [Volume 2: 1 Aireborough](#).

The majority opinion is that there is barely enough green space of any sort already. Although there is a recognised need for affordable, social and elderly accommodation the space has already been taken by unaffordable properties that are already a blot on the landscape. Therefore the impact of any development, adding to the area's population, would result in:-

- 1) A failure to attain the recommended standard set in the Core Strategy Policy G3 table 4.
- 2) Cause extensive damage to the green environment and wildlife habitat.
- 3) A reduction per 1000 people of educational outdoor sports provision.

The use of green space for development is not sustainable, if the problems faced by the present population to attain a healthy lifestyle with freedom to take exercise and pursue family activities in the open, is to be addressed.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS:-

G1 – Plan A not found so apply answers to Plan 1.5A – Of more than 700 questionnaires received to date only 2% did not state that additions were needed, and none agreed with deletions of any sort.

G2 - Additional Sports, Safe Play Areas and Allotment space was asked for no suggestions were received for specific sites.

G3 – Definitely not – there is not enough green space, accessible outdoor sports provision or green corridors along the A65 and there is no green space separating Yeadon and Guiseley. Sprawl should be avoided stop destroying our green space.

G4 – No suggestions were made on how to improve the standard of existing green space as there was no direct question on this subject – if standards are set they should be met and any improvement is welcome.

G5 – 100% of forms received to date said NO green space should be used for development at all, green belts were to protect land from development it should not have been neglected and laid waste for developers to take over.

G6 – Yes – a majority asked for accessible green space and considered it must be protected to maintain the character of the area.

G7 – Because the ANF questionnaire has reached a wide spectrum of the population of Aireborough, some of the comments were unprintable, but as an overview all the green space of any sort (well kept or otherwise) is very fiercely defended. Space for family outdoor enjoyment to include cycle-ways, sport, walking, picnicking, allotments, gardens and quiet places to sit away from the noise of traffic are highly valued and in short supply.

G8 – Yes it should be retained, because allotments are below the required level for that area – see the answer to G5.

G9 – All the comments on Highroyds referred to a sports facility and village that was promised and has not been provided. Unaffordable houses that are still unsold, Bradford's plans to build nearby and said "leave the green space alone you are just being greedy and not considering the impact on the local infrastructure.

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