



# Skipton Town Council

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Environment & Planning Committee  
Thursday 21 September 2017  
6.30 pm

Present: Councillors Whitaker (Chairman), Bell, Hickman and Kerr.

Officers: Dave Parker (Chief Officer) and Wendy Allsopp (Committee Services Officer).

11 members of the public were present.

Prior to the start of the meeting the Chief Officer introduced himself and the Committee. He explained that the Town Council's role was as a statutory consultee on planning matters and the final decision on any application rests with the Planning Authority, Craven District Council.

1. To accept representations from the Public between 6.30 pm and 6.45 pm.

Residents expressed their concerns relating to a proposed housing development off Haw Bank Field, Skipton.

Mr Tony Mills, of Long Meadow, told the Committee that there was already too much traffic on Greenacres estate and the proposed development would exacerbate this. Ms Susan Kennedy of New Laithe Close reiterated these comments.

Mrs Gill Dacre, resident of Uplands, raised concerns about the lack of education and healthcare facilities in the north of Skipton where this development was proposed.

In general, the residents expressed concern that the infrastructure in the area, together with local amenities such as schools and healthcare providers, would not be able to cope with new homes.

2. To accept apologies for absence.

Apologies were accepted from Councillors Harbron, C Clark and Rankine.

Absent – Cllr Dow

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3. To record declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests of items on the Agenda.

None

4. To consider the recommendations of the Chief Officer relating to requests for dispensations to Members on items requiring a declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests.

None

5. To accept the minutes from the previous meeting held on 27 July 2017.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes from the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on 27 July 2017 as a true and accurate record of what transpired at that meeting.

6. To report and receive information arising from the minutes of items not on the agenda from members and the Chief Officer.

None

7. To comment on planning application 2017/18237/OUT, land at Haw Bank field, Skipton.

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend that the planning authority refuse this application on the following grounds:

Housing Allocation – The Committee ask whether the planning authority are certain this development would adhere to its current policies.

Impact on highways – Councillors believe that access to the site is insufficient off an already very busy route and populated area.

Local Services – It is understood that local healthcare, educational establishments and sewage provision are already at capacity and would not be able to cope with additional users. Leisure provision is only accessible by car and train transport over-subscribed.

It was further **RESOLVED** to ask Craven District Council, as the planning authority, a general question as to their thoughts on whether there is sufficient health provision and educational facilities, within and accessible from, Skipton.

Signed by Chairman .....

8. To receive notification of matters that members would like on a future agenda.

Representatives from NYCC Highways to attend a future meeting.

**Meeting Closed at 7.15 pm**