

CALL TO ARMS

You may not be aware but Miller Homes have now lodged their planning application to build 104 homes on the field at the corner of Grove Road and Green Lane. If you go on the Leeds CC web site (Leeds.gov.uk/publicaccess) you can find the full application reference 13/03196/FU and also an outline planning application reference 13/03202/OT. You may remember our last battle to save this field from being built on some 12 years ago which we won. We can win again if we all work together.

If you do not want to see 104 houses built on this field you need to write or email your objection to Leeds as soon as possible. As you are no doubt aware individual letters carry the most weight with planning authorities so please get your letters in. You can lodge your objection by a “comment” against the applications on the web-site or send your letters to Leeds City Council, Planning, Leonardo Building, 2 Rossington Street, Leeds LS2 8HD. Please lodge your objections as soon as possible and at least by the closing date for objections 27th August 2013.

You must object to both applications but the same letter can be used in each case.

Here are a few planning reasons you may wish to use to object to this development. This list is by no means exhaustive and there will be many other reasons for objection you could use.

1. Junction of Grove Road and High Street is extremely hazardous when accessing the High Street as are the junctions of Clifford Road and High Street and Grove Road and Clifford Road.
2. Grove Road is a narrow rural street with cars parked as residents have no off-street parking.
3. This development is immediately adjacent to Martin House Childrens Hospice which requires peace and tranquillity and was one of the main reasons why the Hospice was built where it is. There would be a significant adverse impact on the Hospice.
4. The nearest adequate public transport is in the centre of the village at least 15 minutes brisk walk away.
5. Would lead to loss of green space and would significantly narrow the green space between Clifford and Boston Spa.
6. Neither Boston Spa nor Clifford have this site in their Neighbourhood Plans for future development and the public consultations associated with the Neighbourhood Plans did not indicate any support whatsoever for extending the village. This application is premature and should be delayed until Neighbourhood Plans are finalised and agreed.
7. The local amenities: doctors, dentists, schools etc. could not support another major development in the village.

These are just a few ideas to put in your letters of objection, we are sure you will be able to think of even more.

If you need any help with your letters please free to contact Brian Charlton on 843041, Michael Colbeck on 844590, David Pears on 845465 or Richard Black on 842733.