

# ***HAMPSTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL***

## **PROPOSAL BY HARROGATE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO DESIGNATE AN AREA OF THE BROOKFIELD ESTATE FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT**

Further to the meeting on February 2nd. 1995 and in response to requests from those present below are given some ideas for those who wish to object. Objectors may like to consider including some of these points with any of their own views that they feel are relevant in any letter which they may send to Harrogate Council. This circular is, of course, mainly to help anyone to object; but if you have any positive comments for the proposed development please exercise your right to express them in the same way.

Any objections should be made in writing to:-

Harrogate Borough Council  
FREEPOST HG111  
Harrogate HG1 5BR

and should be submitted by March 3rd.

1. Why has Harrogate Borough Council changed its' policy on the development of this area in Brookfield when it successfully contested previous applications for residential development in this area.
2. The proposal is to allow the erection of 10 affordable housing units and 27 others in an area of 3.7 acres. Until there has been a survey of the village it is not possible to ascertain the need for any affordable housing. Also it is proposed that the area in question shall include space for recreational purposes which would mean a density of more than 10 houses per acre which is undesirable.
3. If accepted this proposal will undoubtedly mean a significant increase in the amount of traffic problems due to unsatisfactory entrance/exit either from Dale Close or Brookfield on to Hollins Lane - an exceedingly busy road through the village.
4. The village already has insufficient open space amenities e.g. Leisure areas; children's equipped play areas; casual play areas; youth/adult areas; sitting areas for senior citizens.
5. Hampsthwaite is a rural settlement and we can see no reason to change.
6. The District Plan states that development should not be allowed if it would adversely affect a rural environment. The plan also states that one of the main elements of the Council's strategy is to protect and enhance Harrogate District.