



**YORKSHIRE DALES**  
National Park Authority

Heather Thomas-Smith  
LoPRA Secretary  
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Your Ref  
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Dear Heather,

**Yorkshire Dales National Park Housing Development Plan  
Submitted Sites, Long Preston**

I'm writing to apologise for my comments which were reported in the Craven Herald on the 11<sup>th</sup> March. I am quote as stating that the Parish Council favour one of the Housing Working Groups preferred sites and that the Long Preston Residents Association favour the other. I now recognise that this is not the situation and I think I have misinterpreted a personal view as that representative of the Parish Council as a whole, a fundamental and inexcusable mistake.

With site 090 School Lane Long Preston, the Parish Council considered that development of this area would have detrimental effect on the possible future expansion of the school. It also stated that if development is accepted the then mitigating traffic management measures should be a requirement of consent. LOPRA made various initial comments and suggestions about the Authority's potential housing policy options and the call for sites process, expressing a general view that brownfield land should be developed before greenfield land. It did not make any specific comments about the sites subsequently submitted.

With regard to site 113 the Parish Council was supportive although it felt that the small size of the site might make uneconomic for development. No specific comments have been received from the Parish Council with regard to the additional land submitted at Green Gates Farm (ref 133)

Other than cause avoidable consternation for which I apologise, my misinterpretation of the situation has not I believe, affected the Housing Working Group's decision. The Working Group considered the technical consultee responses for each site together with the public comments received rather than my own interpretation of them. It decided to recommend both sites to the Authority for the purpose of public consultation over the summer.

I hope my mistake will not harm the otherwise positive relationship I enjoy with the Parish Council and Long Preston Residents Association.

Yours sincerely,

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