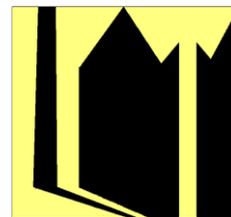


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National Flood Forum

2nd March 2021

Re: Town & Country Planning Association

Firstly, I will advise you that we are situated, literally, at the opposite side of the same hill, part of the Pennines, which frequently affects the Calder Valley with flooding; they being in Calderdale Metropolitan District; and ourselves within Greater Manchester.

Littleborough is part of Rochdale Borough, which is one of the 10 local authorities making up Greater Manchester.

Rochdale's planning department take no heed of any objections, not even publishing them on their website. They frequently pass applications of [example] 2,3, 4, 5 or 14 residential properties. Something we have come to call, 'planning by stealth'.

We, The Trust, examine every planning application and object if there is likely to be any contributory factors with regards flooding.

Our local councillors unfortunately do not represent us fairly and some, publicly and actively encourage major developers to assess the potential of building on greenbelt land. In addition, we are under the constant threat of Greater Manchester Mayor Andy Burnham's Greater Manchester Spatial Framework. Something which has widely been contested, with one of the 10 local authorities throwing it out totally.

Some years ago, we produced a Town Design Statement; a 200+ page document which at the time was accepted by Rochdale Borough Council as Supplementary Planning Guidance. As of now, they don't even acknowledge its existence, yet they have ambitious desires to build along a flood prone valley of the River Roch, from its source to Rochdale itself. The consequences of run-off water, should they ever build, are unknown, but would greatly increase flooding of the River Roch Valley

Much photographic evidence exists but yet they persevere with their ambitions without any consideration for, or consultation with, local residents.

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