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## RIPON BARRACKS Housing development

The facts, the impact and what you can do

### The facts...

- Ripon barracks close from 2021. The government agency Homes England has applied to Harrogate Borough Council for planning permission for 1300 houses (about 3700 people)
- The population of Ripon will increase by almost 25% - similar to a town the size of Boroughbridge
- Homes England say that the additional traffic will not adversely affect traffic flow in Ripon and offer only minor changes to 3 road junctions, Low Skellgate, Palace Road and Coltsgate Hill
- Traffic congestion is already a major problem for Ripon, recognised by Harrogate Borough Council and North Yorkshire County Council in their Local and Transport plans

- All traffic from the development must travel via the city centre for shopping, leisure and work
- Additional relief roads south via Galphay Lane and northwards to Palace Road have been rejected.

**You can see the full plans at:**  
[www.harrogate.gov.uk](http://www.harrogate.gov.uk) and at Ripon library



Single lane traffic in College Road

### How will you be affected, as a resident?

- Roads to and from the development (Clotherholme Road, Kirkby Road, College Road) are inadequate to cope with increased volumes of traffic
- More traffic raises the likelihood of accidents, particularly in school areas
- City roads must cope with increased numbers of service, retail & trade vehicles
- Increased traffic leads to increased congestion, resulting in poorer air quality.



Car on pavement to allow passage of lorry in Blossomgate

# The Liberal Democrats believe that meeting the needs and concerns of local residents is the priority

- A robust traffic assessment is needed to measure the true capacity of the road infrastructure
- A realistic 21st century Transport Plan for Ripon should be developed
- The road capacity should determine the number of houses built
- Planning permission should be granted in stages, following monitoring of the impact on traffic flows at each stage.

## What is already happening?

- Ripon City Council conducted an independent evaluation of the transport assessment, concluded Homes England data was flawed and rejected its findings
- Local residents formed an action group, Ripon Spa Residents Action Group, which has set up a petition so residents can voice their objections about the inadequate road infrastructure.

## What can you do?

### Support the Ripon Spa Residents Action Group campaign 'Better roads before new houses' by:

- Signing the petition [www.petitiononline.uk/ripon\\_barracks\\_better\\_roads\\_before\\_new\\_homes](http://www.petitiononline.uk/ripon_barracks_better_roads_before_new_homes)
- Displaying a campaign poster in your window (contact Barbara Brodigan)
- Follow Ripon Spa Residents Action Group Facebook page @ **Clotherholme** to keep informed
- Contact Barbara Brodigan [barbarabrodigan@gmail.com](mailto:barbarabrodigan@gmail.com) for more information



### Send an online objection to Harrogate Borough Council by 2nd October

Go to HBC website

[www.harrogate.gov.uk/planning](http://www.harrogate.gov.uk/planning)

Click on **Planning Applications**

Click on **Public Access**

Create a user account by clicking on **Register** in the menu bar in Public Access.

- **Lobby your HBC councillor via letter/email**
- **Lobby your MP – Rt Honourable Julian Smith via letter/email**

Contact details and templates for letters emails can be found on our website: <https://skiptonriponlibdems.org.uk> and Ripon Spa Residents Action Group facebook Page [facebook.com/Clotherholme](https://facebook.com/Clotherholme)

- **Let us know your views so we can also lobby councillors: complete the LibDem online survey also at:**  
<https://skiptonriponlibdems.org.uk>