To: Mr Kevin Hollinrake – Member of Parliament for Malton, Thirsk and Filey.

Ref: Surgery at the Conservative Club, Filey – Friday 29th September 2017.

Dear Mr Hollinrake,

The issues Filey residents have is the manner in which Scarborough Borough Council, Planning Officers and Members have dealt with the proposed new housing allocation sites and the gross miss-assessment on the Housing Allocation of site HA23 Filey within the Scarborough Borough Council, Local Plan 2011-2032.

Residents have concerns in the way SBC have totally ignored, brushed aside substantial and evidence based argument, supported by independent qualified professionals in reference to the proposed housing allocation site of HA23 (Land off Church Cliff Drive, Filey).

This site is located within a flood management zone!

One of the main issues is the Housing Land Selection Methodology Assessment (HLSMA) and how the site assessment paper has been processed. Reference Question number 4 - “Does the site lie within an area considered to be unsuitable due to its position within a flood risk zone (high risk)?

SBC’s answer to this question is NO, deferring the question to planning application stage. What is the point in having a question in an assessment paper that is not answered fully and correctly, then deferring it to planning application stage?

Substantial evidence identifies this area to be at risk of flooding and storm water runoff was the cause of residential flooding at Church Cliff Farm properties adjacent to Site HA23 in 2002 and 2007.

There are policies in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) 100-103, Planning Practice Guidance (PPG) for flood zones, and The Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) for Northeast Yorkshire, all in place to protect such vulnerable flood risk areas! If protocol is not followed this raises questions of legal compliance.

Officers and members are abrogating any responsibility either legal or environmental in their pursuit of meeting their targets and wanting to develop site HA23.

SBC are undermining the integrity of the planning process.

The residents group are now seeking Legal Advice on the progression of HA23. It is clear that officers have not complied with the policies and law in several respects: reference is made to SBLP 2011-2032 in which Adoption Statement (ii) is a procedural requirement of the act or its associated regulations has not been complied with. In addition, there are possible contraventions of the planning process related to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), Planning Practice Guidance (PPG) Technical guidance for flood risk areas and The Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) for Northeast Yorkshire.

There are serious questions of transparency, good governance and questionable practices undertaken by officers and members concerning site HA23 Filey. Residents would refer you to a letter from Mr Bob Roberts in the North Yorkshire Enquirer ([www.nyenquirer.uk)](http://www.nyenquirer.uk)) on the 12th February 2017 when he states:”Frustration is now been demonstrated in a way and to a degree we have never seen before in the Borough”.

 “When the voters will undoubtedly hold this council to account for all the miscalculations the poor decision making and obnoxious arrogance …”

“Who seem to manipulate the system to their own advantage ignoring established protocols, and laws…”

Many residents support this standpoint.

Our main point is that:

Site HA23 should NOT be granted Housing Allocation Status

Site HA23 should be REMOVED from the SBC Local Plan 2011-2032 for the reasons given.

Further information is to be found at: [www.siteha23filey.weebly.com](http://www.siteha23filey.weebly.com) highlighting the issues with supporting evidence and documentation.

Yours Sincerely,

 (On behalf of the 80 Filey residents who objected to the proposed Housing Allocation of site HA23 Filey).