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**From:** Roger Steels  
**Sent:** 15 December 2014 11:15  
**To:** LDF  
**Subject:** PLAN Selby

Dear Sirs,

With regard to the above document I wish to make comments relating to Brotherton and Byram as follows:

**Referring to Question 44 of the document.**

1. High Street used to be the centre of the community of Brotherton but over the years it has lost all of it's community assets. There are now no shops and the last public house in the village has just been closed by the new owners. The community needs some life injecting back into it by provision being made for at least one shop and a public house.
2. Redevelopment of the High Street has been piecemeal with buildings of different styles erected which clash with the original limestone properties. The High Street area needs to be looked at as a whole with a coordinated plan being produced to link in any future developments with the existing.
3. The Coach Road, playing fields and wooded area which links Brotherton and Byram should be taken account of in any future development plan and should ideally become a park with facilities for children and families.
4. There are a number of rugby league teams in the village ranging from under 8's to open age and a rugby field on the Whale Jaws playing fields but there are no changing facilities anywhere near the field. The nearest are at Byram Social Club a good walk away which is not really suitable for members of the younger teams as they have to cross a busy road twice and walk along it all the way to and from the field. Ideally a future development would provide changing facilities at the Whale Jaws playing field.
5. There is no public house in Byram. The majority of the population of Brotherton and Byram live in Byram but all community facilities are situated in Brotherton.
6. As above Byram is the larger population centre and the majority of the pupils who attend Brotherton and Byram CP School live in Byram but the school is located in Brotherton. Children walking to school have to cross a busy main road, the A162 which has a manned crossing for two hours a day only. Any children leaving school late, which most do on a Thursday evening have to make their own crossing of the road. A Pelican Crossing or similar would be ideal.
7. Having crossed the road the children then have to make their way through the wooded area of the Coach Road and down to school. There is a footpath from the main road to the school but no safety lighting. In winter many children are coming home after dark through the woods and also young mothers are crossing to and from the school. There are regular complaints of suspicious characters in the woods and the provision of lighting would help in this respect.
8. Finally, a skate park has been talked about for years but nothing has ever come off the discussions. There is very little for the older children of the villages to do and if any future development scheme could take this into account it would be a very useful facility.

Regards

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