Cawood Parish Council’s response to SDC local plan proposals regarding new settlements:

1 Stillingfleet:

We have grave concerns about the impact this proposed settlement would have on our village.

Residents working west of Stillingfleet, in Leeds, Sherburn (in particular if Gascoigne Wood hub is a key part of new employment, in addition to Sherburn 2) and those accessing the A1, M6 etc will use Cawood as the most direct route. Given the historic nature of our bridge and the narrowness of the streets this will cause very real problems in Cawood. Our bridge and the B1222 remains closed to date, having been subject to flooding, since Jan 19th 2021. An already well used diversion is along the A19, crossing the river at Selby, which is already a congested route.

Building a town between York and Selby effectively subsuming Escrick village will ultimately create a sprawling urban conurbation which is entirely at odds with maintaining the rural aspects of this part of the district.

On these grounds, Cawood Parish Council Object to the proposal to develop the Stilling fleet site.

2 Church Fenton:

We have grave concerns about the impact this proposed settlement would have on our village.

The rapid and extensive expansion at Sherburn village and Sherburn 2 is creating an alarming pressure on the water courses and water table locally. The Bishopdyke which flows into the River Ouse at Cawood is already struggling to cope. Currently, an emergency temporary pump supplied by the IDB has been working continuously for well over 3 weeks to help ensure the dyke keeps running. Cawood lies mainly in Flood Zone 1 and the rest in 2. Church Fenton Airfield has been placed in Flood Zone 2 indicating the extent of the issue across the land west of the Ouse.

The roads accessing the Airfield are country lanes: when the first airshow under new ownership took place, traffic was gridlocked for many, many hours all around the area. The creation of infrastructure, including roads adequate to cope with a development of this extent, will be hugely detrimental to maintaining any semblance of the rural nature of this part of the district.

On these grounds, Cawood Parish Council Object to the proposal to develop the Church Fenton Airfield site.

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