

# RED ALERT

Massive Implications for Residents of Stanley, Methley, Lofthouse, Bottomboat, Altofts, Oulton and surrounding areas. **Planning Application Number: 10/00225/OUT**

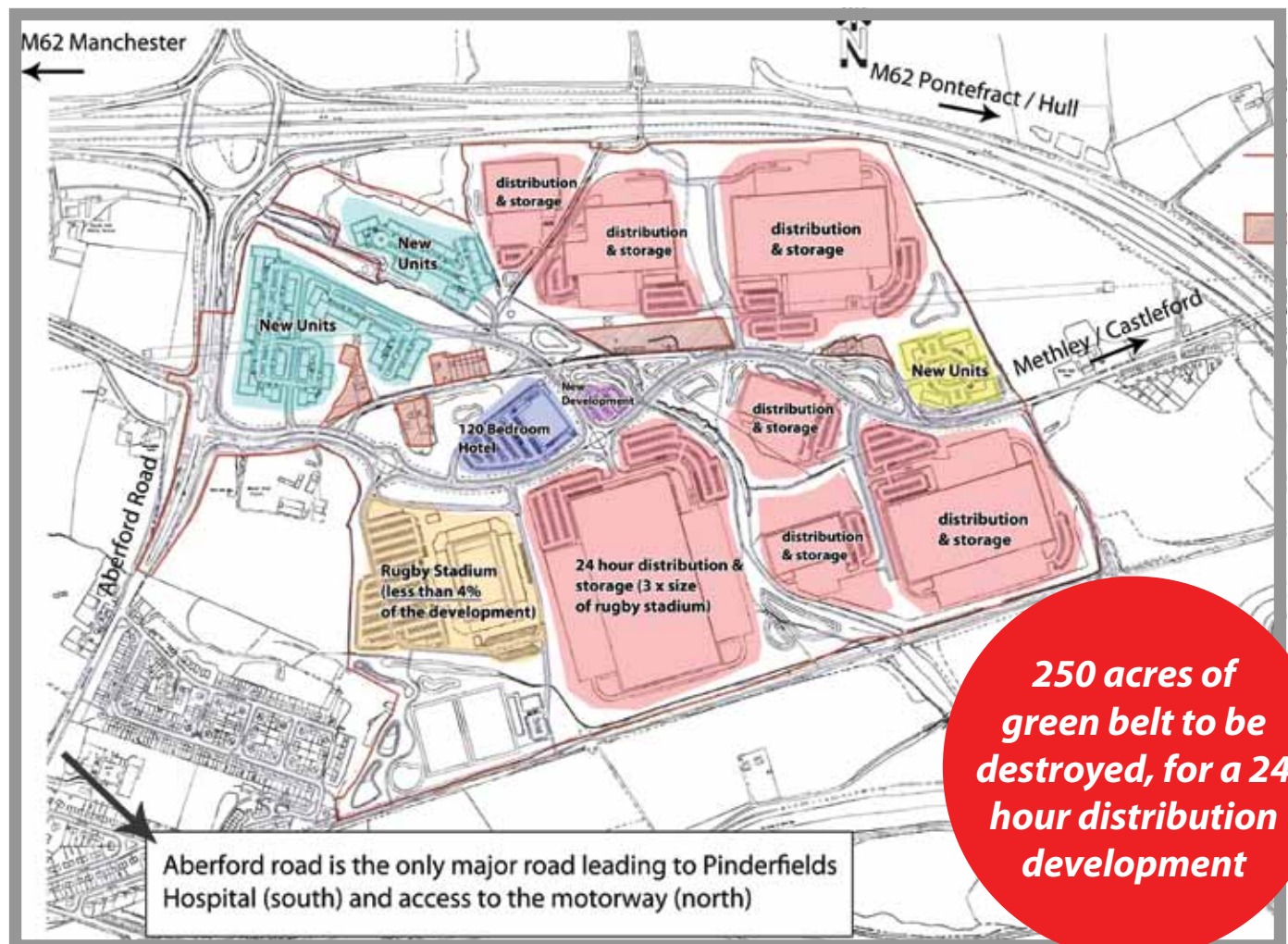
We are not opposed to a stadium for Wakefield Wildcats, what we are opposed to is the loss of 250 acres of Green Belt countryside at the expense of industrial units.

You are probably not aware of this massive proposed development on your doorstep. **Wakefield Council has chosen not to inform local residents** about this development and are trying to rush these plans through without proper consultation with local residents who will be hugely affected by this application.

The map outlines plans for approximately **250 ACRES OF GREEN BELT LAND** to be turned into industrial units, including a 24 hour distribution centre, business park, hotel and fast food chains.

Initially, the proposal was only for a rugby stadium, this has now turned into a massive development which will have huge implications for this area.

**OUR ACTION GROUP HAS A WEBSITE: [WWW.WCCG.CO.UK](http://WWW.WCCG.CO.UK)**



**If this development goes through, it will have the following effects on you and your local area:**

- Increased traffic congestion at J30 going north and south. This will increase the gridlock already experienced at the major M1/ M62 motorway junction at peak times (already one of the busiest junctions in the country).
- Massive increase in Heavy Goods Vehicles and cars along Aberford Road, Watergate, the A642 and beyond. Inappropriate use of country roads, not designed for heavy volumes of traffic.
- Increase in noise, traffic, litter and pollution. This proposal is an environmentally irresponsible project, which totally contradicts the Governments green policies & carbon foot print agenda.
- Potential serious flooding for Methley & Castleford from additional volumes of surface water & sewage draining into the River Calder.
- Destruction of Green Belt land, public footpaths & public rights of way. Destruction of one of the only remaining open areas available for dog walking, cycling etc...in this area. Loss of thousands of trees, hedgerows, good agricultural land & loss of wildlife.
- This development is a direct contradiction to Wakefield's own Unitary Development Plan, which is a Government approved document. The council has a duty of care for Green Belt and development should only take place in very exceptional circumstances.
- This huge industrial park is a totally inappropriate development in the Green Belt

There has been **no consultation** on this planning application and Wakefield Council has opted to keep local people in the dark, uninformed and unaware of the destructive impact this will have on our local communities.

It is important that as many objection letters as possible go to the planning department (and you should send copies to your local councillor). Objection letters are the only way to influence whether or not this development goes ahead.

**IF YOU WANT TO OBJECT LETTERS MUST BE IN BY 8TH APRIL 2010**

**How best to object:** If you have objections to this development it is important you write to the address below to arrive before the 8th April 2010 stating your objections. The bullet points above should form the basis of your objections.

**Write a letter to:** Planning Services, Newton Bar, Leeds Road, Wakefield WF1 2TX

**CLEARLY STATE YOUR OBJECTIONS AND QUOTE THIS PLANNING REF NO: 10/00225/OUT**

Please send a copy to your local councillor, if you wish