

## **Letter to the Leader of the Council**

### **Upper Wharfedale support for the Government's proposal to admit refugees.**

David Cameron announced on 4 September that the UK would admit many more refugees into the UK over the coming weeks. We the undersigned support that decision.

We understand that local authorities will be responsible for receiving refugees and developing the local infrastructure to support them. This is likely to include housing, education and health care and language classes. We support the funding of these activities and recognise that this may mean less funding for other things in North Yorkshire.

Should the local authority wish to house any refugees in Upper Wharfedale, our community commits to providing local support – friendship, advice on living in the UK, language support and support for any children's education or any other needs refugees may have. If refugees are housed elsewhere we would commit to supporting voluntary organisations (financially or in time) to support refugee integration.

We hope this commitment from the under-signed will be helpful to you in determining how best the County Council can respond to the current refugee crisis.