The indie UK horror production INBRED is causing some controversy in its scheduled shooting location of Thirsk. Residents of the town fear that the movie, which involves locals with the titular condition, will lead viewers to think it’s based on fact.

The Darlington and Stockton Times reported on the quarrel surrounding the film, which will be directed by CRADLE OF FEAR’s Alex Chandon from a script he wrote with Paul Shrimpton. Set for a 2011 release, INBRED is about a group of young urban offenders and their care workers who embark on a community-service weekend in the strange, remote Yorkshire village of Mortlake. A minor incident with some locals rapidly escalates into a bloodsoaked nightmare for all involved.

Councilor Derek Adamson, mayor of Thirsk, had this to say: “We don’t want that sort of publicity. If the film is promoting the area or it’s a historical piece, then that’s fine and we have no problem with it. It’s quite probable that people will think the characters in the film are like real Thirsk people, and that is not a good impression.”

Shrimpton offered his point of view: “This will give a boost to Thirsk, and it will bring a few more people into the town. Hopefully this will lead to more films being made in Thirsk in the future. If the community gets behind it, we could make something we can be really proud of.” Visit INBRED’s official website for more information on the production.

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