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Site Allocations Plan

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PDE00108_Objections and comments to further planning - HG2

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Dear Planning Department

I would like to express my concerns over the extended and persistent planning applications in and around the Guiseley area. I have lived in Guiseley for over 40 years and over recent times I think that we as a community have taken on more and more new developments. Some of which have made good use of brownfield sites; however the proposals of the HG2 Sites are virtually all considering using green belt land and much needed immediate countryside.

My main points consider the full and overall impact of HG2 developments and in particular those of HG2 -2. HG3-3. HG2-5.

My objections are as follows:

- The obvious influx of traffic to an already high congestion to A65, Queensway, Bradford Road out towards Shipley and Menston.
- The 'still not completed' alterations to Horsforth roundabout will only improve the existing traffic from A65, out towards the Ring Road and Leeds.
- · The GP surgeries are already struggle with the number of patients and especially those that are elderly.
- There is currently not enough Social Care for the elderly for home visits.
- Guiseley and Yeadon have in recent times improved the number housing for older people.
- The overall pleasure and attractiveness of the rural area has diminished. We are merely a commuter town that will butt up to yet another commuter town. The community is living in an urban sprawl of traffic; this is not a pleasure.
- This will in no way add to the rural experience or character of the landscape.
- Greenbelt should only be built on in extreme circumstances. The proposals put forward would have a permanent impact on the existing and new population.
- · Conservation Area has little meaning if greenbelt is dug up.

On a personal level, I cannot approve on further development plans to neighbouring greenbelt land in a high traffic and high population area.

I feel that other towns such as Otley and Ilkley will suffer as we will simply struggle to get anywhere in the congestion.

I urge that other areas in need of development and an injection of cash would benefit more eg Morley, Drighlington, Gildersome.

Leeds planning, please consider fresh, imaginative developments for new communities and not 'bolt on' to existing under pressure areas.

Regards

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