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My comments below are relating to the Leeds Site Allocation Plan. The section of the Plan I am commenting on is HG2-1 (3026) New Birks Farm Ings Lane Guiseley.

I disagree with this site being used for housing and do not consider the Leeds Site Allocation Plan to be sound.

1. The plan is not positively prepared

- There are not enough facilities to cope with the number of houses proposed in Aireborough
- The A65 is very congested. Traffic is often at a standstill in the centre of Guiseley.
- Peak train services are congested. I have witnessed 2 people faint next to me on the train due to overcrowding
- No real assessment has been done on the access to each site or the extra traffic/train passengers it will create
- There are not enough school places in Guiseley, the existing schools are already oversubscribed
- For each site Leeds have assessed what infrastructure is present now, ie how far is the site away from a school, bus stop, train station, doctor's surgery, and made no recommendations as to what needs to be put in place to accommodate the new households

2. The Plan is not effective

- It would appear that Leeds and Bradford are not collaborating when planning where housing is planned in terms of roads and traffic congestion. Developments in Menston, Burley, Apperley Bridge will all impact the A65 and other local infrastructure but not enough consideration is given to this.

3. Considerations specific to site HG-2-1 (3026)

Development here will result in urban sprawl, will result in the two settlements of Menston and Guiseley merging along Mire Beck, contrary to Green Belt purpose.

Aireborough has already taken its fair share of development since 2000, resulting in almost all of its Brownfield sites being developed.

4. The plan is not legally compliant

- LCC have not fulfilled their duty of community involvement. LCC's document of community involvement is out of date and does not include their duty to collaborate with forums designated to draw up neighbourhood plans. Many feel they have not been consulted fully in the process.
- No genuine attempt has been made to engage with the community. I would not even know about the plans if it wasn't for local action groups.
- Nowhere do any documents state that 90% of Aireborough's sites or on Green Belt
- A fully comprehensive Green Belt review has not been carried out as specified by the inspector at the Core Strategy hearing
- Leeds City Council have not fulfilled their duty to cooperate. Only one meeting is recorded with Bradford Council. In the Leeds Local Plan, a comprehensive

review of Green Belt should have taken place alongside Bradford. There is no evidence this has taken place.

Making the Plan sound

The Plan can be made sound by:

- Starting again using a better methodology, such as a Brownfield first policy
- Having a sound infrastructure plan in place before the site allocations plan
- Carry out a comprehensive Green Belt review
- Co-operate fully with Bradford Council
- Genuinely engage with local communities

I would like acknowledgement of my response and to be informed of the submission of the plan for public examination and/or the adoption.

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