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To: [Site Allocations Plan](#)
Subject: PDE00124_Response to LCC public consultation on housing - Wills Gill and Shaw Lane 3029 HG-2
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I would like to object to The Leeds Site Allocation Plan. The section of the plan I am commenting on is the Wills Gill and Shaw Lane site 3029 HG-2

I disagree with the proposed use of this site for housing

I do not consider the Leeds Site Allocation to be sound. This is because:

1 The plan is not justified

Leeds have not done a comprehensive Green Belt review as requested by the inspector of the Core Strategy. They have only reviewed green belt sites which were selected for development.

They have not involved communities in the drawing up of their plans.

For this site Leeds have completed a sustainability appraisal , the information in this appraisal is inaccurate as there is no account of the medieval Tofts and Crofts bordering the site , the section on the historic environment is blank. The appraisal scores the biodiversity of the site as low , however the score for a neighbouring site is high (1256) even though both sites contain the same type of land, wet grassland with becks and the same species visiting them.

LCC greenbelt assessment states the site does not border a conservation area - it does

One of the purposes of greenbelt is to prevent towns from merging - by allowing this development and the one on the neighbouring site 1255B the towns of Guiseley and Yeadon will merge and cause more congestion on Queensway an urban road.

2.The plan is not positively prepared

There are not enough facilities to cope with the number of houses proposed in Aireborough - parking at the train station - parking at the leisure centre - parking for the local supermarket - safe dropping off area for local schools - school places

The A65 is congested in Guiseley, this is because traffic from both Bradford and Leeds merge in Guiseley at White Cross and Park Rd. Nothing can be done to improve this - creating more local traffic will make a bad situation worse. Queensway is congested and this proposed development will create more traffic on this road. The current traffic calming methods on this road are dangerous as they lead to motorists taking chances to get round the bollards as the flow of traffic in the opposite direction is too intense in rush hour to allow this type of traffic calming to work - there have been several accidents .

The traffic congestion in Guiseley in my opinion is a PUBLIC HEALTH concern - slow moving traffic produces pockets of increased air pollution. This can adversely effect the health of pedestrians eg school children on their way to school. There should be a survey not only on vehicle numbers but also air pollution. These surveys should be done during term time and in differing weather conditions. I have personally observed previous traffic surveys being conducted in school holidays when local traffic is much lighter

Leeds Housing Target of 70,000 has been described as aspirational. Revised figures suggest a much lower figure but LCC will not change their target. A lower figure would reduce the amount of green belt required to meet the plan

3.The plan is not effective

It would appear that Leeds and Bradford are not collaborating when considering plans in terms of traffic and road congestion - Bradford developments impact on traffic in Guiseley and Leeds developments impact on traffic in Menston but this is not adequately considered

I also do not believe the plan is legally compliant from the information I have been given - LCC have not fulfilled their duty of community involvement or their duty to cooperate

In order to make the plan sound LCC need to

reduce the Leeds housing target from 70,000 to 44,000

Abide by the NPPF

Start the plan again using brownfield sites first

Sort out the infrastructure first - ie build where the traffic isnt already congested and there are school places or improve the infrastructure prior to site allocation plans

Build closer to jobs - ie Central Leeds

Carry out a comprehensive Green Belt review

Engage with local communities - I am the senior GP partner at the Menston and Guiseley practice - no one from LCC has asked for my views

Cooperate fully with Bradford city council

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