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RE: LEEDS SITE ALLOCATION PLANS - FORMAL OBJECTION

Dear Sir / Madam,

As part of the Leeds Site Allocation Plan public consultation process, I would like to formally object to the proposed new housing developments in Leeds. I have general objections about the process and then specific objections to sites.

From a general perspective I would like to highlight the extremely poor way in which Leeds Council has conducted its alleged "consultation". I, and in fact everyone I have spoken to, was entirely unaware that the Council had conducted a Public Consultation about the Site Allocations Plan a full *two years ago*. I should like to ask how exactly they publicised this consultation. Certainly nobody I knew saw any public announcements through the press or Council website that would have been appropriate for such an important and wide ranging proposed development.

The way the Council has failed to engage with the local community is in direct contrast with the way they have engaged with developers. I understand that developers and their agents have met frequently over the last five years with senior council executives and council planners to decide how to shape communities, and choose the sites they prefer to build on without consulting and

engaging with the communities affected.

In my area there has been no consultation at all about these proposed and very sweeping developments and no attempt whatsoever to raise awareness that any developments were even being proposed. If you were lucky enough to know that developments are being planned, the only way to find out about them has been to trawl the Council's website. In addition, engaging with the whole process, from viewing the plans to finding out dates for drop in session, would have been *virtually impossible* without access to the internet. This instantly precludes the vast majority of elderly residents in my area, and by default the in the rest of Leeds. In terms of transparency the whole thing is a disgrace. Were it not for a few individuals taking the time to bring it to others' attention, the development would be going ahead without anyone having the opportunity to discuss it or even being aware about it until work started. Perhaps this was the Council's intention.

In specific terms I have objections to the development of the site designated as HG2-41, which covers the area south of A65 from Horsforth and Rawdon RA to crematorium.

It is my understanding that this proposed development site, along with others in the plans, are not consistent with national policy regarding Green Belt. Leeds must continue to protect our Green Belt and green fields.

This area provides a much needed break in the urban sprawl of the north Leeds suburbs and developing on this site will greatly impact on the semi –rural character of the area.

This site, along with others of proposed Green Belt development in the plan, should continue to be part of Leeds' 'Strategic Green Infrastructure' as identified in the Adopted Core Strategy.

It is my understanding that this site, and other proposed development sites, is not consistent with the national policy, specifically with regard to infrastructure. Leeds has insufficient policies in place to address the issues that these developments will generate. Development and infrastructure requirements must be considered side by side. Development of these sites on greenfields will lead to nearby villages being engulfed within the 'Main Urban Area' and they will no longer be separate 'Major Settlements' of their own. Reference, Adopted Core Strategy (Map 3, Settlement Hierarchy).

Please keep me informed of the public examinations, submission of the plans and potential outcome of the review as I would like to retain my right to attend and speak.

Yours sincerely,

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