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**To:** [Site Allocations Plan](#)  
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Dear Sir/Madam

As part of the Leeds Site Allocation Plan public consultation process, I would like to formally object to the proposed development of the following sites:

HG2-41 (4240) - Fields South of A65 from Horsforth & Rawdon RA to crematorium  
HG2-42 (1016) - Fields at Broadway and Calverley Lane, Horsforth  
HG2-43 (5009) - Fields at Horsforth College Campus

It is my understanding that the proposed development sites are NOT consistent with the national policy, specifically with regard to Green Belt. Leeds must continue to protect our Green Belt and green fields.

I have been a Horsforth resident for over 25 years and have come to value the rare green spaces that Horsforth affords for a number of reasons: they are vital to the health and well-being of residents, particularly the children who have fewer and fewer chances to enjoy the outdoors and its wildlife. The devastating effect on wildlife, flora and fauna, of major building and concomitant traffic has been widely documented. I am a keen walker and, as someone who has recently retired, I cherish the fact that I can find some green space close to where I live. There are many people in a similar situation living in Horsforth; keeping fit and healthy as we get older is something that we are urged to do, and walking is vital to maintaining health. But, we need to have the space and, as far as possible, the clean air in which to do it.

Another significant implication of further development on these green spaces is the inevitable increase in traffic. Horsforth, particularly the area around New Road Side and the Ring Road, can be a nightmare both for traffic movement and for parking. I live in this area and have experienced major problems trying to return home or to park my car - the majority of houses do not have drives or garages, so on-street parking is at a premium. Any increase in the volume of traffic trying to get through the local streets will only increase the problems.

For all these reasons, I would strongly urge that these sites should continue to be part of Leeds' 'Strategic Green Infrastructure' as identified in the Adopted Core Strategy.

It is my understanding that the proposed development sites are 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 green fields 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).

To summarise, my concerns include: the fact the the proposals are not consistent with national policies with regard to Green Belt and infrastructure; the devastating effect on wildlife and habitats; the inevitable increase in problems relating to traffic flow and parking (already significant problems in parts of Horsforth); the loss for

future generations of green space and clean air - vital to health and well-being.

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 faithfully,

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