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To: [Site Allocations Plan](#)
Subject: PDE00231_LSAP & AVLAAP - FORMAL OBJECTIONS MADE DURING PUBLIC CONSULTATION
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Dear Sir or Madam

I am writing with strong objections to the proposed development of the following proposed developments:

- 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

My family and I have lived on Victoria Mount, close to all of these sites, since 1994. Should these plans proceed, destroying large areas of greenbelt, protected land, we feel strongly that they would have a serious negative effect on our quality of life.

To begin with, we feel that we have not been properly consulted about these developments. Most people in Leeds and in this area have not been given sufficient opportunity to comment on these issues.

Our main concern is traffic. Any journey along the A65 and the Ring Road takes considerably longer than at any time in recent memory. The building work proposed will lead to further delays as it proceeds and serious congestion once the new houses are sold. We are concerned that inadequate consideration has been given to this.

Many people who work in Leeds live in neighbouring towns and cities. Bradford, Wakefield and Halifax all have large tracts of undeveloped brown field sites which should be exploited for housing purposes, before we start to destroy the greenbelt sites of Leeds. In this regard, the proposals do not meet the criteria of the National Planning Policy Framework. The latter states that greenbelt land is to be protected apart from 'exceptional circumstances'. The council has not made any coherent argument for the existence of such circumstances.

Community identity would also be lost if these plans were to proceed – creating an urban sprawl which the NPPF specifically states should be avoided.

The proposed housing developments will do nothing to alleviate the need for affordable housing, targeting instead high-income home-buyers. Developers will build multiple-bedroom properties and maximise their profits. The Horsforth Vale development shows this to be the case.

Wildlife in the Aire Valley will be critically endangered by these developments, which has

enjoyed protection for many years. The views of the countryside on our doorstep which brought us to Horsforth and which we have enjoyed for many years will be seriously curtailed, and unnecessarily so. The strawberry-picking which my children have grown up with each summer will be no more.

There is no need for more houses to be built in these areas. These proposals would destroy the character of Horsforth and surrounding communities, and take potential investment away from the areas of West Yorkshire which badly need it.

Yours faithfully

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