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Dear Sirs

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I would like to register my objection to any building taking place on the land opposite the Parish Church of St John the Baptist, Church Lane, Adel.

This is the land opposite Adel Church which was turned down for a planning application in November 2014. The potential development of this site was previously examined by a Government Inspector as part of the Unitary Development Plan in 1999, as a result of which clear parameters for any future development were set out, in terms of protecting the setting of the Grade1 Listed Parish Church of St John the Baptist.

This church was built in 1150 and English Heritage describes it as *'one of the finest examples of twelfth-century buildings in the country. The setting of the church and associated conservation area retains a strong rural character and this enables an appreciation of its early origins and isolated position and therefore makes a positive contribution to its significance'*

If the opposite field is built on, the setting will irrevocably be changed. It warrants particular attention in terms of its history dating back to 1150 and has national and international significance. Building development opposite will indelibly change the characteristic nature of the landscape. This was acknowledged by the UDP Inspector's report in 1999 in which it was said in referring to St John's Church, Adel, that 'the preservation of its setting is of unchallenged importance'

At the moment the church is surrounded by green space, as it has been throughout the centuries. This generation has enjoyed the church in its proper setting and I feel very strongly that we should not deprive future generations of the same privilege. If building is allowed the whole environment would be destroyed. I am surprised the the Council should be willing for this to happen as we get many visitors from all over the world who come to see Adel Church and may well visit other parts of Leeds. The Medieval Congress at the University have been regular visitors. If the land is built on there will be no going back - the environment will have gone for ever. It should be left for future generations to enjoy.

I hope you will give my objections your very serious and sympathetic consideration.

Yours faithfully  
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