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To: [Site Allocations Plan](#)
Subject: PDE00286_Objection to development planned on site HG2-10 (1221) Gill Lane
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I write to lodge an objection to the plans to build 155 houses on site HG2-10 (1221).

We live on the Westfield estate and spend much time walking and driving locally. I have children who attend the local school and will continue on to local high schools. My objection has many aspects but these are the main points:

Schools: The local primary schools are full and the local high schools have already had to increase their intake to respond to the problem of too many children requiring high school places. We attended a consultation about increasing the primary school places in Guiseley a while ago and when questioned about provision of high school places, we were told this would be thought about in 7 years time - this attitude of continuing to expand while not considering the needs of local people and the problems which will be caused to the local infrastructure seem ludicrous.

Traffic: I understand the traffic survey was completed during a school holiday so clearly would not give an accurate reflection of the traffic problem on the A65. The journey from Leeds was very time consuming when I used to do it at rush hour 11 years ago. I cannot begin to comprehend how bad it would be at that time now after the amount of development that has already taken place along the A65. Add to that the Kirkstall development and the new improved Horsforth roundabout!!!!!! But rush hour is only part of it. It is common place for traffic to be queuing after the JCT roundabout before reaching the junction with Greenlea Ave. This traffic congestion continues right through to the Green in Guiseley on many many occasions. Even at weekends it is terrible with people going to the retail park and further afield. More houses will only make this already bad situation ridiculous.

Greenery: This area is a lovely place to live due its proximity to Leeds and also Harrogate and the green belt that makes you feel you have room to breathe. This is incredibly important to the residents and wildlife of the area. In addition to the scenery and feel of the area, the site is also a space where the local children play and let off steam. There is no other area for the Westfield children to run around safely as there are no facilities provided for them.

Doctors/dentists: It is very difficult to get a doctors appointment with any immediacy although the practice does its best. They have just extended their hours into both evenings and weekends but the demand for appointments still seems to far outweigh what is available. We managed to move our dentist from Headingley to Horsforth a few years ago but that seems to be as near a practice as we can register with due again to the high demand of patient numbers.

I could go on, the reasons I object to the development are numerous. There must be an end to these ongoing developments which can only cause the infrastructure to implode.

Thank you for taking the time to read through my concerns.

Mrs Karen Walker