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LEEDS SITE ALLOCATION PLANS - FORMAL OBJECTION

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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 (including the strawberry fields)
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 greenfields. The fields and open green spaces, which are being proposed for development, are important to me because as a new parent I want my child to grow up and appreciate the wonderful countryside and nature we have around us. It is great to be able to leave our house and within 5 minutes be walking along the canal and through these fields. I don't want my child to grow up surrounded by more and more roads and cars when instead he can be looking at trees, birds, insects and all of the fun things a child should be discovering

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 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).

My concerns include the sheer volume of traffic that any more houses in the Horsforth area will bring. Even after a 2.7 million pound spend on (supposedly) improving Horsforth's roundabout the queues along New Road Side, the A65 to Rawdon and Horsforth Ring Road still remain and are as bad as ever. I can still be found sat in traffic on New Road Side for 20 plus minutes during rush hour even after these so called improvements. Sometimes using a 'rat run' is the only option to make the journey bearable. How can it even be considered that building another 1000+ homes next to this roundabout is a good idea. To add another 1000 cars to this already over subscribed network would be crazy and surely just a waste of the 2.7 million pounds spent!

As well as the number of cars I don't believe our public services could possibly sustain this amount of people these houses would bring. It can take up to 3 days to get a doctors appointment at the moment, this will surely increase with more people needing this service. Add to this the amount of school places required for the children in these homes. It will either mean over subscribing the current schools driving down the quality of the excellent schools we have in the area or building more schools therefore bringing more traffic and creating even more problems to the local road networks.

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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