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**To:** [Site Allocations Plan](#)  
**Subject:** PDE00472\_Re: LEEDS SITE ALLOCATION PLANS - FORMAL OBJECTION  
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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 - 43 (5009) Fields at Horsforth College campus

HG2-42 (1016) Fields at Broadway and Calverley

I understand 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 field and open green spaces, which are being proposed for development, are important to me because over many years our family, friends and neighbours have enjoyed walking, cycling and running in the surrounding area close to our home on Victoria Mount in Horsforth. We enjoy seeing the wildlife of the area and regularly see and hear foxes, rabbits and a variety of birdlife including the beautiful and impressive Red Kites, herons and sparrow hawks. I understand that there are newts living on the College site as they do in our own pond. My daughter was so inspired by the wildlife around the area she went to university and studied Wildlife and Conservation and now works in Scotland for the RSPB. It would be a shame that future generations would miss out on sharing the experiences our children enjoyed living in this area.

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'.

My main concerns are the traffic that will be generated by these sites both during construction and when inhabited, the impact on the schools, GP surgeries and dentists in the area.

Traffic is already a major problem on and around the A65. There has already been an impact on the amount of traffic since the houses were built at Horsforth Vale on Calverley Lane. There has been major work done on the roundabouts at Rodley and Horsforth but this has failed resolve the problems especially at school times and rush hour. Further development in this area is going to make the problems even worse. The roads through the Victoria Estates are not made for traffic other than local traffic to access homes but these are already being used

by commuter traffic to miss out part of the queues of traffic along the A65.

Kirkstall Railway Station could also impact on the amount of traffic on the A65 as people come to the station in their cars to travel by train into Central Leeds. I understand there are also plans to build many more houses in Kirkstall which will also impact on this area.

There is already a problem on the streets around Newlathes School at School drop off and pick up times as cars are parked on the narrow streets meaning that cars are struggling to get up and down the due to the amount of parked cars. Parking restrictions have been put in place very close to the school but all this has done is force them to park further up the streets - causing chaos on the full length of Victoria Mount and the surrounding streets as they walk down from here to the school. More houses in the area will mean more people parking on these streets to bring their children to the school.

As my children are no longer in education I am not sure what it is like getting children into the local schools. There has always been more people wanting places than have been available so I imagine that this is getting more difficult for local people as the amount of children within the catchment area increases. I should think it will be the same problem for nursery places too and nursery education is very important for children. There are as far as I know no plans in place to solve these problems.

Our GP Surgery - there is only one small surgery in this part Horsforth will be also put under strain with the amount of people who will need to register with a local GP. It is already very difficult to register with an NHS Dentist in the area too.

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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I am very disappointed that the council are considering building so many new houses in this area which is already struggling to cope with the amount of residents it has.