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re Leeds Site Allocation Plan

Site reference HG2- 17

I do not agree with this site being used for housing .

Some of the land is currently in green belt and the general rule is that such land can only be removed from green belt in special circumstances and allocation for housing does not meet any of the circumstances :

Not for agriculture

Not for sport , outdoor recreation or a cemetery

Not a replacement building

Not "limited" infilling by any stretch of the imagination

Not the type of development which can occasionally be accepted in green belt

Taking this land for housing and out of green belt will clearly affect wildlife , and I am particularly concerned that the site will be very close to the Conservation Area.

My major concern is the traffic situation . I have lived in Bramhope for 18 years and have commuted into the city centre . Travelling by bus was generally not an option because of the nature of my work but I did use it when possible .However it seems to me that the bus is nearing capacity .

At the present time , the buses for Prince Henry's in Otley wait for quite a while at the bus stop by the Birches making it extremely difficult to see traffic approaching from Otley direction . Even when the buses are not there it can take quite some time to turn right onto the A660 and there will inevitably be an accident before much longer . The volume of traffic heading into the city from 7.15 am onwards is huge and I do not see how the road can cope with further traffic . You are proposing 376 houses which will probably add a further 376 cars from this site alone There are also sites in Otley , 2 further sites in Bramhope ,and Adel . All will add to the traffic congestion through Headingley, which generally I found I had to avoid in the rush hour , or I had to travel at ridiculous hours of the day . Further the volume of traffic heading out of the city is also causing major problems . Recently , I waited 5 minutes to turn left out of the Birches on to the A660 at 5.45pm .

I understand that there may be a school on the site but given that the local

authorities no longer have responsibility for schools how can that be guaranteed ? Even if you can find someone to build and run it , it will add to the traffic congestion as parents from neighbouring areas where the schools are full , bring their children into the school . Nobody would want their child to attempt to cross the A660 at peak times , and parents themselves are often not the best at parking with consideration for neighbouring houses or other road users . On the other hand if a school cannot be built where would the children from the new house go to school ?

I do not consider that this an appropriate site for any sort of development and I feel it should be left unallocated .

I do not consider the Plan to be sound :

I do not believe enough thought has been given to the current roads , school and health services in the village

I do not believe all brownfield sites in the City have been allocated , there are several large sites on Kirkstall Road which should be allocated to housing first , and given they are so close to the city centre many of the infrastructure problems would not arise.

I cannot see how the plan can be effective unless something can be done about the road and schools

As the plan has not been positively prepared , cannot be justified given the brownfield sites still available , and is likely to be ineffective , it cannot be consistent with National policy .

To make any plan sound , it is necessary that brownfield sites around the city are used first . In preparing the plan great thought should be given to the possible demographic and population changes in the city and how this affects how basic infrastructure .

I understand that there may be a public enquiry into this application . In that event I would like Councillor Barry Anderson to speak on my behalf