

From:
To: [Site Allocations Plan](#)
Subject: PDE00566_LEEDS SITE ALLOCATION PLANS - FORMAL OBJECTION
Date: 08 November 2015 22:52:43
Importance: High

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:

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HG2-46
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It is my understanding that the proposed development sites are NOT consistent with the national policy, specifically with regard to the following:

- 1) Green Belt. Leeds must continue to protect its Green Belt and green field sites.

The fields and open green spaces, which are being proposed for development, are important to me because they are what makes this country so beautiful to live in. Here we are in Leeds, one of the largest cities in the country outside of London and we have this sort of wonderful countryside on our door step. The idea of building thousands of homes in that countryside is outrageous. If things continue like this, there will be no green belt/green field sites left – just one massive housing estate called Britain. Don't ruin Yorkshire with these houses. There are plenty of sites which are more suitable for development. What about that enormous area of waste land in Kirkstall just before you get to TGI Fridays? It is not an area of outstanding natural beauty and is closer to town – more people will probably want to live there! And yet it is allowed to decay while unspoilt countryside is paved over. Come on – think about the responsibility you have here. Do you really want to be the reason we all (including wildlife) lose these spaces?

These sites should continue to be part of Leeds' 'Strategic Green Infrastructure' as identified in the Adopted Core Strategy.

- 2) 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 fact that traffic around Horsforth is already a joke. A few pathetic attempts have been made to ease congestion by widening about 30 yards of the road by the

roundabout near KFC and the petrol station. Do you really think that problem is going to go away and that 1,532 extra homes will have no affect? Keep in mind that most families own two cars nowadays meaning that these developments will probably introduce something like 3,000 extra vehicles to a small town like Horsforth that is already badly overcrowded.

Please just think about what you are doing to our town. You are in a position of responsibility and have the power to make truly devastating mistakes. But you also have to power to protect a wonderful part of this country.

I would like to be kept 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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