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RESPONSE TO LDF PUBLICATION DRAFT CONSULTATION - LEEDS SITE ALLOCATION PLAN
Section HG-2-1 (3026) New Birks Farm, Ings Lane, Guiseley

I disagree most strongly with proposals to use this site for housing.

I do not consider the Leeds Site Allocation Plan to be sound, for the following reasons:

(1) The Plan is not justified. There has been no involvement of local people in drawing up the plan, nor has any review been undertaken of the impact of so much extra housing on traffic, school places and provision of medical care.

(2) The Plan is not positively prepared. Ings Lane is not capable of carrying much traffic, and the recent diversions when Netherfield Road was being resurfaced and the earlier closure of the main A65 for new traffic lights at the junction with Oxford Road proved this. The residents in Ings Lane mostly park outside their houses and the thoroughfare is effectively reduced to one-way. Whatever extra traffic will be produced if this site is built on will further foul-up the situation on the A65 which is well-known to be already overloaded. Regarding medical services, our surgery in Netherfield Road is virtually useless and it is almost impossible to see a doctor without travelling to Yeadon. There is one other surgery in Guiseley but it is clear that there is insufficient provision of medical care.

(3) The Plan is not effective. There is no sign that Leeds and Bradford consult each other with regard to planning on sites such as this which involve both authorities. This site is important in preserving the identities of Guiseley (Leeds) and Menston (Bradford), an essential consideration for green belt existence.

The plan can be made sound by reducing the housing target from 70,000, and by building closer to areas with better infrastructure, for instance brown field sites close to the centre of Leeds.

I hope my comments will be useful and I should be very grateful to receive an acknowledgment of this communication.

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