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I am writing to comment on sites HG2-41, HG2-42, HG2-43, HG2-12, HG3-1, HG3-2 and HG3-3.

I consider that all these sites are not justified for the following reasons:

1. The proposed allocation of these sites contravenes the National Planning Policy Frameworks which states under section 9 - Protecting Green Belt Land - the fundamental aim of green belt policy is to prevent urban sprawl by keeping land permanently open; the essential characteristics of green belts are their openness and their permanence.
2. The policy also states that green belt serves five purposes two of which are
  - to check the unrestricted sprawl of large built up areas
  - to prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another
3. The Council's adopted core strategy underlines this policy at 4.8.1 - which states that the purpose of green belt is to ensure the development is sustainable whilst maintaining the local and distinctiveness of the main urban area and individual settlements is essential to the overall approach.
4. Spatial Policy 10 within the Adopted Core Strategy states at iv) that the purpose of green belt is to
  - to check the unrestricted sprawl of large built up areas
  - to prevent neighbouring towns merging.

It seems clear that the proposed allocation of sites HG2-41, HG2-42, HG2-43, HG2-12, HG3-2, HG3-3 and HG3-4 are not justified as they contravene all of these policy statements as it will create urban sprawl, it will merge neighbouring towns, namely Horsforth and Rawdon, it will remove the distinctiveness of the individual settlements. In addition proposed site HG2-41 will merge with existing developments at the former Clarion works site (HG1-96 and HG1-97) creating further urban sprawl.

If allocated the sites are likely not to be effective. The delivery of site HG2-12 is totally reliant the improvement of the access from Knott Lane. Any adjustment to this junction would further disrupt the flow of traffic on the A65, which is already over capacity. In addition all the proposed developments take no account of the proposed options for a road link to the airport.

Sites HG3-2 and HG3-4 will have a detrimental effect on the environment by destroying the natural bio diversity of the land which supports a range of wild life and the ancient Ghyll Beck.

It is for these reasons that I consider the proposed allocation of sites HG2-41, HG2-42,

HG2-43, HG2-12, HG3-2, HG3-3 and HG3 -4 is not justified, will not be effective and is not consistent with both national policy and Leeds' own core strategy.

Yours

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