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I am raising some concerns that I have regarding the above plan which was brought to my attention through our local campaigners, and NOT through Leeds City Council as the case should have been.

Going through these proposals, I have the following concerns:

The proposed sites are on greenbelt land, which is land protected from development.

Leeds City Council is destroying the very same greenbelt that is within its own designated Special Landscape Area. HG2-12 and Hg2-41 sites are in this area.

This greenbelt would be lost forever. At present, it is a great favourite for walking, cycling and horse riding where families and pets participate. This outdoor life is greatly enjoyed by us all and has a real countryside feel to it. Families and friends come from afar, often for the Leeds Country Way, which will run through the proposed sites of HG 2-12 and alongside HG3-2 and HG3-3.

These sites form part of LCC's own designated Strategic Green Infrastructure Area!

The Site Allocation Plan for Rawdon site is NOT positively prepared.

This development is also breaching the NPPF policies mentioned in chapters 9, 11 and 12.

How has LCC justified that 'exceptional circumstances' exist to outweigh the harm caused through these plans in question?

This development is NOT consistent with NPPF policy NOR is it justified.

However, above all, for me, the fate of the wildlife habitats are the key issues here.

HG2-12, HG3-3 and HG3-4 are UK Biodiversity Action Plan Priority Habitats they are home to wild deer, bats, fieldfare, and other rare species

of birds, to mention a few. All sites also contain protected mature trees and woodland and the fate of these animals is in our hands, and what are we doing? Destroying their habitats. From where I am standing, I see it as land exploitation. We should be nurturing our gracious, bountiful planet, taking good care of it, saving it for our future generations.

We are also losing our farmland. HG2-12, HG3-2, HG2-41 contain precious working farms, with rich farming heritage. On one hand we are aspiring to 'go green' and be eco-friendly and on the other hand we are destroying the very mechanism to do so.

Leeds City Council claim that 70,000 new houses are need by 2028. On the contrary, I understand the revised, updated figures stand at a lesser number of 45,000-50.000.

Aireborough is characteristic of small 'towns', with protected green belts in between. The present town streets and joining roads are struggling to cope with today's traffic without the proposed future traffic. These narrow roads have to cope with delivery trucks, public buses, school buses , not to forget school children, pushchairs, and dog walkers. Parking is a major issue in these roads and streets. There are also numerous old cottages and small terrace houses which make street parking a necessity, and adding to the above problem.

The A65 is already working at full capacity, as is the ring road at peak times. We are all familiar with road works for one reason or another, which further add to the congestion! This is before we start talking about extra schools, GP surgeries, hospitals, chemists and leisure centres.

How affordable are these houses? They are luxury houses and flats, which surely defeat the purpose of this exercise! Those waiting for affordable houses will still be waiting.

There are many brownfield sites available across Leeds. LCC Core Strategy itself says that all these sites must be developed before going into greenbelt land.

The proposed development is NOT effective,
taking the above points into consideration.

I would like to be present at the forthcoming
public meeting.

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