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To: [Site Allocations Plan](#)
Subject: PDE00640_Objection to proposed housing developments; Bullerthorpe Lane & Colton Road East
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I am writing to object to the proposed plans to build 165 units on Colton Road East and a Gypsy/ traveller site on Bullerthorpe Lane.

I strongly oppose both developments for the following reasons;

- Bullerthorpe Lane already carries a high volume of traffic with congestion towards Colton & Swillington, particularly at peak times. The roads in the village of Colton are not designed to carry high volumes of traffic. Access to the Style Hill Road shopping area of Colton is poor. Further development in this area will increase traffic, posing a risk to pedestrians, children, cyclists, horse riders and motorists.
- The infrastructure in this area is not designed to accommodate such developments.
- I am concerned that due to the incline of Bullerthorpe Lane from Colton down to Swillington, adding further developments will increase the flood risk to the lower part of Bullerthorpe Lane. Here water already collects and causes flooding towards Bridge farm Hotel and onto the Wakefield Road/ Bullerthorpe Lane junction.
- I am concerned that both sites are in the setting of a Registered Historic Park and Garden. It includes and is in the setting of Listed Buildings and part of a Scheduled Monument (Grim's Ditch). Leeds City Council should be preserving the heritage of this setting and not destroying its natural beauty. These areas of woodland should be protected and safeguarded and not compromised for development. The developments will have a negative impact on the surrounding area. Bullerthorpe Lane is already a hot spot for litter as passing motorists dispose of their packaging from the various eating sites by Colton Mill. I feel that by adding to the population in the area this problem will worsen. At a cost to Leeds City Council's waste management department. I do not believe that either development will preserve or enhance the character or appearance of the Conservation Area in fact it will have a detrimental effect on the surrounding areas.
- I am a resident of Newsam Green Road. My property along with these sites form part of Green Belt land. Leeds City Council will not grant myself or local residents permission to build new properties on our own land as it would (*as quoted by LCC Planning Dept*); "harm the openness and character of the Green belt, which is therefore considered to represent inappropriate development." How can a Gypsy/ traveller site possibly meet this criteria? I am not opposed to building of new houses and understand the need to meet demand however I strongly believe that unused Brown Belt sites should be developed for residential use.
- Property prices in the area have already been blighted due to the announcement of the proposed HS2 route. The Gypsy/ traveller site will cause further blight to residents who have paid a premium to live in a semi-rural area.

I would appreciate a response to this objection at your earliest convenience.

Regards,
Sally George