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To: [Site Allocations Plan](#)
Subject: PDE00656_Site Allocation Plan: HG2-49(3376)
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Dear Sir/Madam

Re **Site Allocation Plan: HG2-49(3376)**

I wish to object to the proposed inclusion of site HG2-49(3376) as housing in the Site Allocation Plan.

This site is designated as Green Belt in the current Development Plan and no exceptional circumstances have been brought forward to justify a change in this designation. This site has, for many years, been assessed as inappropriate for housing on the basis of its Green Belt status and the potential for harm to the Conservation Area. Since I agreed with this designation I saw no need to comment in support of it.

The recent proposal to change the status of the site apparently follows an offer from the site owner to divert part of his profit from developing the site to a project elsewhere in the city. This is not an appropriate reason for a change in the site's Green Belt status. The offer might conceivably be relevant under enabling development provisions in the context of a planning application but is not a relevant ground for irrevocable change in Green Belt status. The site fulfils an important Green Belt function adjacent to Meanwood Park and in its current state has obvious bio-diversity value. An important, well used and historic footpath runs through the site.

Although a line of mature trees currently screens the site from a peaceful and unspoilt area of Meanwood Park, the recent removal of one tree (presumably on safety grounds?) in the same line of trees has allowed housing in Beckside Gardens to overlook the park to the detriment of its ambience. It would be naïve to assume that the existing line of trees will remain forever, and therefore it must be expected that any housing development on Tetley field would detract from the rural ambience of this part of the park.

The harm represented by the proposed inclusion of this site for housing clearly outweighs its insignificant contribution (30 out of 66,000) to the housing target.

Yours faithfully,

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