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**To:** [Site Allocations Plan](#)  
**Cc:** [Stuart Andrew.MP](#)  
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Dear Sirs

I am writing to register my strong opposition to the Leeds City Council proposals with regard to the Site Allocations Plan.

My first issue lies with the lack of public consultation that Leeds City Council has undertaken. I have received no information directly from LCC to my home despite being significantly impacted by the proposals. Only by searching on the internet and trawling through newspapers have I been able to piece together the proposals. Eventually, I discovered the LCC website page relating to the SAP but I feel very badly served by the elected council.

I am particularly concerned about Site: HG2-41 which is within LCC's designated Special Landscape Area. Not only would building on this land effectively remove the greenbelt that separates Horsforth and Rawdon and would effectively result in an urban sprawl, but I struggle to understand how the surrounding infrastructure would cope with such a high number of additional houses. The A65 is already choked with traffic and simply cannot physically accommodate any more vehicles - particularly during peak times. This proposed development is therefore not justified.

My understanding is that exceptional circumstances have to be proven in order to build on designated greenbelt. LCC cite 'growth' as the exceptional circumstance but this is not in accordance with the National Policy Planning Framework. The proposed development is therefore not legally compliant.

I had also understood that greenbelt land would only be considered once all 'brownfield' sites had been considered? There are many suitable brownfield sites that have not been considered in Leeds.

The Office of National Statistics had projected that LCC require 45,000 houses - not the 70,000 on which the Council is basing its strategy. Once again, it appears that LCC are riding roughshod over common sense and public opinion. I have been appalled by the arrogance and smug approach of many of these self-serving Councillors who espouse: "that they know what is best for the future of Leeds"

I would like to attend the Public Hearing.

Yours sincerely

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