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Dear Sir/Madame,

I wish to respond to the Leeds Site Allocations plans and am particularly concerned about sites-

HG2-41 , this site is in Green Belt and shown as strategic green infrastructure in Leeds Core Strategy , and special landscape in Leeds UDP.

HG2-42 , this site is in Green Belt

HG 2-43 , this site is in Green Belt and part has been described as a nature reserve

HG2-12 this site is Green Belt and shown as strategic green infrastructure in Leeds Core Strategy

HG3-2,HG3-3 and HG3-4 , these sites are in Green Belt and shown as strategic green infrastructure in Leeds Core Strategy

1) I believe using green belt such as this is against national planning policy. Green belt land cannot be released just to fulfil housing quotas.

2) Losing green belt will be detrimental to future generations . As a Horsforth resident of 47 years my family and I have enjoyed open space, unpolluted air and lovely views. Where will the future football players and dog walkers etc of the future go? The prospective developers are in danger of killing the goose that lays the golden egg!

3) Losing even part of the green corridor of the Aire Valley could be a disaster for many forms of wildlife (Paragraph 114 NPPF)

4) There are many brown field sites which could be developed before green belt is attacked. These are also more likely to be used for the affordable housing and units for single people which are so desperately needed. We all know house builders love sites that do not have to be decontaminated and to be able to build 3,4,5 bedroom houses for the affluent, but should we really pander to them, they often make promises to do with infrastructure etc but they don't always fulfil their promises!

5) These sites combined would cause our 'village ' to disappear. At present we feel part of a special community, but if the plans go ahead Horsforth will join up with Rawdon, especially if the airport road also cuts up opposite the Crematorium ! Other proposed plans for other villages along the A65 mean we could become just part of a massive urban sprawl from here to Ilkley.

6) There seems to be no concept of what all this extra housing would mean in terms of infrastructure .

I see two schools could be provided, but is that up to the developers? What about medical services?

The most worrying aspect is the road system which is already at capacity .We have all looked forward to the completion of work on Horsforth Roundabout, which has caused chaos for months. Unfortunately the lights seem to have made things worse at times and we are still seeing long tail backs. How can we possibly bring many thousands more car movements per day onto the A65 ? I see total gridlock ahead. We are not just thinking of the plans for Horsforth but for all up the A65 , and down towards Kirkstall with the old forge site also due to bring more traffic. I personally am pleased that this ( brown field ) site is to be so well used and would be happy to see other such sites , but I see no way to further widen the A65.

7) A street in my part of Horsforth (Clarence Rd) has just been described as one of the top ten places in Leeds to bring up a family. Let's keep it like that please!

8) The most recent figures show there is not the need to plan for so many houses, 45,000 being nearer the mark, so why have such huge plots been earmarked, is it for the satisfaction of the developers? We could probably cope with smaller more separate sites and still keep our village identity.

Finally I think green belt boundaries should only be altered in exceptional circumstances and I do not think LCC has proved its case.

Sheila Chapman,  
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