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Dear Sir / Madam

Re: Site reference HG2-5 (Coach Road/Park Road Guiseley)

I write regarding the soundness of the above planning proposals for 83 homes on a greenfield site. I am a local resident and regularly use this road whilst out running and cannot overstate the importance of the view across this site to my mental wellbeing. I see many people running and walking dogs on this route and many of us would say that the view from Coach Road looking down towards Esholt is one of the main reasons we choose to live where we do. The notion that this could be stolen and handed to a few, undoubtedly wealthy, homeowners is unthinkable. This site contributes to the character of this part of Aireborough and the view across those fields could be considered iconic by those of us who use the area recreationally.

The site fulfils the criteria of greenbelt which states that it assists in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment. There is a strong stone wall boundary between the existing urban area and the site and it provides access to the countryside via a public footpath/bridleway. The site is within the Guiseley Conservation Area and any development should preserve or enhance the character of this area. I would argue that no development could improve on the site of this current greenfield or provide a better, much-needed public space for residents in this urban area to enjoy. It is also designated by the Council as a Special Landscape Area which is supposed to offer additional protection over and above Green Belt status.

It is also worth mentioning that I use the A65 to commute by road at 0700 daily and even at that time in the morning, traffic begins to slow down around Yeadon and Rawdon and continues to be sluggish through Horsforth, Kirkstall and into Leeds. The cumulative impact of the developments proposed along the A65 will make congestion far worse, as if that can be imagined on a stretch of road that is already becoming busy at 0700! In relation particularly to this development, it is already incredibly difficult for traffic to turn right out of Silverdale Avenue and Hawkhill Avenue on to Park Road (B6153) and if additional traffic from 83 homes on Coach Road were added to this it would bring Guiseley to a standstill.

I would question whether the 70,000 homes in Leeds City Council's target is realistic or necessary as the Office of National Statistics data puts the required number of homes closer to 45,000. It is entirely reasonable to expect the Council to revise their target in the face of the evidence but they seem to refuse to do this. A more appropriate target would enable building to take place on brownfield sites before developing this greenfield site is even considered.

Yours sincerely  
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