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To: [Site Allocations Plan](#)
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To Whom It May Concern

I am writing to object to the planned development of 155 houses on Gill Lane (Site reference HG2-10 [1221]). I do not feel this development is justified or effective.

Around 2400 homes have been built within Aireborough within the last ten years or so. Many of these homes are not completed or have not been sold, even after a number of years (e.g. High Royds). There seems to be a lack of communication between Leeds Council and Bradford Council. After attending a recent meeting regarding the development, I learned that there has been no impact assessment for the new houses proposed for the Wharfe Valley and Bradford in any of the key areas of concern, e.g. transport infrastructure.

Primary and secondary schools, doctors and dentists are already at breaking point in our area. A family member is currently applying for a primary school place, and the school to which they are applying already receives far more applications than they have places.

There is also a lack of new jobs in this area; there are no plans for new business sites. The development of local agricultural sites has compounded this by causing further job losses.

Traffic is a major issue. Although a traffic survey has been completed, I understand this was done during half-term. This survey is therefore all but invalid and will not show the true volume of traffic on the A65 and surrounding areas. Using this route is already difficult and often stressful due to the volume of traffic. The local Sainsbury's petrol station and shop is already packed to capacity on evenings and weekends, as are other surrounding shops.

These fields are part of an ever-decreasing section of green fields/ farmlands in the areas; as I understand it this is the last section for about 4 miles on the A65 into Leeds. Development of this site will absolutely destroy an important environmental area. The habitats of owls, bats and woodpeckers, as well as a number of rare English trees will be destroyed. These fields according to Historic England should actually be part of the nearby Conservation Area, and contains a number of listed buildings.

Part of the appeal of Aireborough is its semi-rural environment. This continued development, when considered in conjunction with others, will contribute to urban sprawl and eventually destroy what makes this area so unique and popular in the first place.

In summary, I do not feel this development is justified or effective. In combination with other local developments it will increase the negative impacts on the local population.

Yours sincerely

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