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RE: LEEDS SITE ALLOCATION PLANS - FORMAL OBJECTION

16/11/2015

Dear Sir / Madam,

As part of the Leeds Site Allocation Plan public consultation process, I would like to formally object to the proposed development of the following sites:

HG2-41, HG2-42 and HG2-43

It is my understanding that the proposed development sites are NOT consistent with the national policy, specifically with regard to Green Belt. Leeds must continue to protect our Green Belt and greenfields.

The fields and open green spaces, which are being proposed for development, are important to me for many reasons.

The beautiful strawberry fields (HG2-41) are an important local attraction for families and I personally look forward to the picking season each year. The fields are beautiful and simply walking through them toward the canal or to the local high street affords local people an opportunity to take pride in the place that they live and escape from the busy surrounding area.

HG2-42 is a small piece of land which is also picturesque with horses regularly seen grazing. I walk between these two green areas most days and this time allows me to enjoy, reflect and appreciate where I live and why I moved to this area.

Horsforth's reputation as one of the more desirable areas in Leeds to live is largely due to its rural charms. If this is removed it will cease to be an area of Leeds which is different and that people can be proud to call home.

When there are still many brownfield sites to build homes in Leeds it is a crime that local council are even considering these destructive developments.

By far one of my biggest concerns is the effect any more houses will have on the local traffic situation. Horsforth and the surrounding areas are already under tremendous pressure. Horsforth roundabout although newly renovated is already at breaking point with the road clogged up in all directions most mornings and throughout the day. It simply will not take any more strain. This is already having an effect on public transport and my concerns include the impact this will also have on local bus services which I use regularly. The proposed sites are not within walking distance to any train stations which will mean an even bigger increase in the amount of daily traffic.

For all of these reasons I believe that these plans need to be reversed. Once we lose these special places we will never get them back.

These sites should continue to be part of Leeds' 'Strategic Green Infrastructure' as identified in the Adopted Core Strategy.

It is my understanding that the proposed development sites are NOT consistent with the national policy, specifically

with regard to infrastructure. Leeds has insufficient policies in place to address the issues that these developments will generate. Development and infrastructure requirements must be considered side by side.

Development of these sites on greenfields will lead to nearby villages being engulfed within the 'Main Urban Area' and they will no longer be separate 'Major Settlements' of their own. Reference, Adopted Core Strategy (Map 3, Settlement Hierarchy).

Please keep me informed of the public examinations, submission of the plans and potential outcome of the review as I would like to retain my right to attend and speak. Yours faithfully,

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