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Dear Sir / Madam

### **LEEDS SITE ALLOCATION PLANS - FORMAL OBJECTION**

I am writing to formally object to the proposed development of the following sites:

HG2 – 41 (4240) Fields South of the A65 from Horsforth & Rawdon RA to Crematorium

HG2 – 42 (1016) – Fields at Broadway and Calverley Lane Horsforth

HG32 – 43 (5009) – Fields at Horsforth College Campus

As part of the Leeds Site Allocation Plan public consultation process.

We want Leeds to continue to protect our Green Belt and open green spaces and it is my understanding that the proposed development sites are NOT consistent with the national policy, specifically with regard to Green Belt.

The fields and open green spaces, proposed for development are very important to me because they are one of the main reasons we have enjoyed living in the area all these years. The opportunity to pick strawberries in the summer and walk around the local area throughout the year gives me a huge sense of wellbeing – so important in this hectic world today.

These sites should not be developed but 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.

I have lived in the area for over 30 years and my house is on the A65. I have seen a consistent increase in traffic over the years and the time it takes me to travel by road to work every day just increases year on year. There are consistent traffic bottlenecks during commuting times at the beginning and end of the day and these are repeated throughout the weekend. This is the

current situation before any more houses are built.

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).

Travelling along the A65 where I live is the main arterial route out of the city and is a continuous urban sprawl until you reach Horsforth, where these proposed sites currently serve to separate Horsforth and Rawdon, it's an area that should be protected for the wellbeing of everyone and serve to identify the unique locations within the area.

We are repeatedly reminded of the volume of brown field sites and areas that require regeneration and development in our City. The Developers should concentrate on these areas, which would bring huge benefits for the people who live there and the City as a whole. It appears the Developers do not want to address these issues as a site on the outskirts of Leeds (Horsforth and Rawdon) would prove far more lucrative to them, but this only avoids addressing the massive shortage of affordable housing within Leeds.

We should be setting our sights on improving our City for everyone and that means upgrading all the innercity housing and developing brown field sites, rather than robbing the Green Fields which serve to please and increase the wellbeing of everyone. Leeds needs its open spaces.

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

Yours faithfully,

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