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Dear Sirs

I write to object to the inclusion of site HG2 41 in the Site Allocations Plan as the site is valuable green belt. Removing the site from the green belt is contrary to National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) Section 9, paragraph 80 because including the site for development fails the 5 tests of green belt purpose. The inclusion of the site to achieve housing number target is not an exceptional circumstance as per paragraph 83 of NPPF, especially as there are several brown field sites within the area which could be brought forward such as Woodside Quarry and Low Lane, Horsforth.

The recent works to Horsforth Roundabout have only added to the traffic congestion along the A65 increasing pollution for the residential areas, business users and indeed the local schools. By building on Strawberry Fields you will create gridlock on the roads which will have a negative effect on the area. The only people who will benefit are the developers and their shareholders and not the local residents where the harm is being inflicted.

On the point of schools, the residents of Horsforth struggle to get their children into the schools in the area. These people, like my family, have often lived in the area all their lives and yet developers at neighbouring sites widely tell interested parties that there are places available if you buy with them. It is not the Council's responsibility to use their powers under sec 106 etc to secure new schools (high in particular) and functioning road schemes which clearly they are not doing at all.

Based on the above I do not believe that the Plan is sound as it is not consistent with national policy or more importantly the views of the local residents who have to live with the side effects of your poor decisions.

Regards

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