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Dear Leeds City Council

REF Site HG2-173

I wish to express my concern about the proposed allocation of the housing site, ref HG2-173 as I believe its inclusion in the Site Allocation Plan (SAP) renders the plan unsound.

There are electricity pylons on the Haighside site running through the eastern portion. Additionally there are water courses running through the site which of course would provide ecological constraints to any development here. Both these issues would have a significant effect on the number of dwellings which may be delivered meaning that the SAP will not be effective in delivering the housing requirements in the Outer South HMCA.

Development of the Haighside site would also reduce the important Green Belt gap between the settlements of Rothwell and Robin Hood. Additionally it would have an unacceptable impact on the existing community in terms of access to the site through the neighbouring estate.

To properly plan for development in this part of the District, Leeds City Council; should be allocating land where development will best deliver the housing and infrastructure needed in a way that is least environmentally affecting and where it can deliver benefits for the existing community.

The infrastructure in this part of Rothwell is much lacking; the mitigation needed to the local highway network for HG2-173 is undefined but absolutely necessary; it is stated as being reliant on NGT which hasn't yet been agreed and won't be delivered in time; we do not have the local services in Rothwell to support a development of this scale. Getting out of Rothwell on a work morning is already severely congested with traffic queueing back from the Jawbones well past Low Shops Lane. Indeed when I am travelling north I go the back roads through Garforth since the traffic to go along the A61 and across to join the M1 north regularly means a journey time of up to an hour just to travel a couple of miles. Similar queues are also on the A61 from the Jawbones.

The Haighside Woods are an important part of the area and there is much concern about the environmental impact on the bats and other wildlife here.

As an alternative the local understanding is that the landowner of Hope Farm, Robin Hood, has submitted his land as an alternative to the Haighside site and I would urge the council to consider this site as a more appropriate and suitable option to deliver growth in this part of Leeds. As well as being able to deliver an appropriate number of dwellings the Hope Farm site would also be able to deliver a school for the benefit of the whole local community.

Therefore I urge the Council to remove the Haighside Farm site from the SAP and instead include the proposed Hope Farm site.

Kind regards

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