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Dear Sir,

I am very concerned about the following development plans and would like to register my objections. I have asked my partner to forward these complaints as I will not have access to email in time to register my objections:

- HG2-41 fields south of the A65, Horsforth roundabout to crematorium
- HG2-42 fields at Broadway and Calverley Lane
- HG2-43 Fields at Horsforth College Campus
- HG2-12 Fields at Woodlands Drive, Rawdon
- HG3-2 Fields off A65, Rawdon
- HG3-3 Fields off A65, Rawdon
- HG3-4 Fields off A65, Rawdon

I have outlined the reasons behind my objections below.

I have brought up my young family in Horsforth and am proud of my local area. My two sons (7 and 3 years old) were born here and hope to grow up here. We live on the A65 opposite the HG2-41 site. We love this area and enjoy wonderful views across the open fields. It was one of the many things that attracted us, along with the strong sense of local community and village feel of Horsforth. We enjoy occasional deer sightings in the fields and love to watch the red kites following the tractors in spring and autumn. This is valuable land that teaches my children about the changing seasons as well as being able to observe the local farmer work the land. We also enjoy walks and bike rides down Barr Lane and value being able to pick strawberries and wild blackberries within walking distance of home. Development on the above sites will destroy this green area and deprive local residents and future generations from enjoying this rare and unspoilt countryside so close to the city. I would like to particularly note that the importance of this land was actually recognised by LCC when it was upgraded to "infrastructure greenbelt". I do not understand how this valuable land that benefits the local community in so many ways can have been identified for such thoughtless development .

Living on the A65 I know firsthand how additional pressure on the road network is likely to have a major and detrimental effect on the local area. This will not only impact on the local community, but also on the many 1000s of business commuters who rely on the roads to get to their places of work. I am very concerned that the full impact of these developments has not been fully considered – and that this will lead to future unnecessary costs to local tax payers who have to foot the bill of future road improvements. However the impact will go beyond the road network, impacting on many other aspects of our local services, including schools, social services, healthcare, public transport, police and fire services to name but a few.

I must state that these proposals to develop the above sites are NOT consistent with national

policy or the core strategy. You have failed to provide evidence to justify how the above development proposals to build on STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE GREENBELT meet the 'exceptional needs' criteria required to convert green belt into building land. This also conflicts with the Leeds Core Strategy to preserve green belt land.

Instead of building on valuable greenbelt I would like to urge you to reconsider the many options that exist to regenerate existing brownfield sites. There are many such sites that would really benefit from investment and regeneration in Leeds, including land off Kirkstall Road, opposite ITV; land opposite Kirkstall Sports centre (near Headingley station, LS5), Cross Green Industrial Estate and Halton Moor (LS9, LS15). These are just the easily identifiable sites – I am sure many other areas exist that could be used to match the proposed requirements. Whilst these sites may not be as profitable for developers, I do not think developer profit should be a driving force in site selection.

The process used to identify sites without any form of detailed risk or cost/benefit analysis or feasibility study appears to significantly benefit developers over the local community. Furthermore the failure to apply appropriate governance or independent challenge for the good of the Leeds community is a major concern of mine.

Please do not allow the irrecoverable destruction of the greenbelt land that will adversely impact on my family and my local community. Thank you for taking the time to listen to my objections.

Yours faithfully,

Kim Hawkins

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