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To: [Site Allocations Plan](#)
Subject: PDE00949_Re; Church Lane Paddock ref. is HG2-50.
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Dear Madam or Sir,

I have to form my objection as an e mail as due to a Chronic Health condition I am unable at this time to negotiate forms, etc. I have been told this is acceptable. Also I would be most grateful if someone could just acknowledge that my objection is recieved as I am late submitting it as have been in treatment for the last several days, and only just found out about the deadline. Thank you so much for your time and help. So, I am submitting my objection at 11.00 on Monday 16th November 2015.

I am writing to object to the plans to develop the Paddock on Church Lane, ref. is HG2-50. Also known as Holy Trnity Glebe Field.

First I object to the way in which people have found out about the plans, I do not believe there was a sufficiently thorough or engaging communication. The majority of people locally have found out about the plans via the campaign to protect the Paddock- ie; due to local concerned people posting flyers or putting up posters/notices, etc. I think this is very unfair. These sorts of plans need to be made actively available to the communities they are going to impact on, this has not happened in this case. I find this simply wrong, and grossly unfair, in terms of a community having the option to object.

The Paddock is the last remaining green space in Meanwood outside of the park, not everyone can allocate time to visit a park in order to experience green space... We all by now appreciate how utterly vital to our health & well-being it is to encounter such spaces on a day-to-day level. If the Paddock is built on we lose this nourishing experience, and I do not think it unreasonable to thoroughly consider & investigate the impact it would have on the well being of the community. People ENJOY the Paddock, it gives them a sense of well being. It gives them access to feelings that make for good mental health.

As I understand it the Church immediately next to the Paddock is a Grade II Listed building, it seems highly unlikely that a development could occur without significantly damaging the setting of this building. I feel strongly that this should be considered. Again, Holy Trinity Church and its church yard are an important local space- absolutely connected with community, again there is a high risk of ruining something vital to both the community and individuals sense of well being and place.

The development of the Paddock would also result in serious damage to the very character of Meanwood, what makes an area 'itself'?- with Meanwood it is the

reminders and connections to what was once a village on the outskirts of Leeds. Of course times change but it seems a terribly damning decision to obliterate these connections when they are the very thing that makes Meanwood the beautiful and unique place it is. If we want to be a city full of character and to be an appealing place to live in- we must decide to preserve the elements that make that character apparent. People actively associate and know Meanwood as being an area with green spaces, and many people specifically recognise and enjoy the paddock and the church in this way. As SPACE. Space to breathe.

I am also concerned about access to the site, no matter the speed limits placed, Church Lane is a busy road and I do not feel it could cope with further traffic and/or access leading from it...

I have grave concerns in terms of the integrity of the road and the actual Paddock itself, such a steep slope down to a flat area--- structurally I am unsure as to how the road could cope and likewise I have concerns over the stability of the land in terms of how the whole estate (from Church Lane back) is built. There must be serious investigations in terms of the possibility that to build on the Paddock would have a knock on effect, ie; subsidence of some kind... I realise I do not have technical explanations for this, but the water run off beneath my house from the whole estate is significant, and the graveyard for instance becomes a true bog in the area immediately adjacent to the Paddock. Also the way the road surface of Church Lane immediately around the Paddock has cracked in recent years suggests a potential deeper problem. Please take this query seriously and make sure there are not real structural problems with the potential build.

Finally I wish to quote 'Historic England' who state in Para.126 of the National Planning Policy Framework (that as I understand it you follow) that it "requires Local Plans to set out a positive strategy for the conservation and enjoyment of the historic environment". We in Meanwood love and cherish our green spaces and they are being taken from us rapidly and with what seems no consideration for what is wanted by the local community. And thus, I do not feel there is a 'positive strategy for the conservation and enjoyment of the historic environment' taking place in the planning of this development. And, this relates back to the truth that as a community we have not been made aware enough of these plans, we have not been made aware enough of how to object and make our voices heard, and that there is a real and deep belief that we are not being listened to.

Thank you so very much for your time and consideration,

Again, please do let me know- if at all possible- that this objection has been received and passed on to the appropriate department. I appreciate your help with this,

Sincerely,

Alisia Casper.