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To: [Site Allocations Plan](#)
Subject: PDE00967_Leeds Site Allocation Plan
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To whom it may concern;

I would like to make my comments known to Leeds City Council regarding the Leeds set allocation plan, more specifically: Developments in Pool in Wharfedale

My details are as follows:

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The Site I would like to make comments on is:

Plan Reference - HG3-5
SHLAA - 1095b-1369
Address - Old Pool Bank (land at), Pool in Wharfedale.
Capacity - 541

I understand that as part of Leeds City Council's Site allocation Plan a major housing development consisting of 541 new homes has been earmarked for this site in the future. I believe this plan is unsound and should be reconsidered. My reasons are as follows:

This area is supposed to be a safeguarded site, two sections of this site are classed as Green Belt land and it is important that this always remains green belt and is never built on. As for the remainder of site this is greenfield land and equally as precious for local ecology. As a local resident I do not want to see the green countryside turned into a massive housing estate, I want to enjoy the rural views I moved here for! A housing estate would certainly have a negative affect on my quality of life. Leeds city council should be proud of its beautiful countryside and not choose to get rid of it.

This land is essential for surface water drainage running from the Chevin, if this is concreted over then the water would struggle to drain away causing local flooding issues, as I write this email the rain over the weekend has caused the river wharf to burst its banks and has flooded several

fields around it. As experts tell us that we should prepare for milder, wetter years ahead then concreting over fields, preventing rain water to drain away would be a huge mistake.

An area of concern regarding this site is the increased level of traffic on our local roads, the infrastructure struggles to cope as it is. The amount of traffic coming through Pool village at the minute is horrendous, adding potentially another 1000 cars (2 cars per home is quite normal) would grind the village to a halt. Traffic will get worse due to the plans to extend the airport which will create 1000 new jobs for the area which is brilliant but people will come through Pool village to get there. HGVs coming through the village are a menace, the main street through the village is far too narrow and large vehicles often bump up onto the kerb, this is very dangerous for the residents especially the young children and elderly. Creating a building site would bring more HGVs through the village. I understand a quarry is opening up between Pool village and Otley this will add to the traffic and HGV problem.

541 new homes will bring a lot of new children to Pool village, with the local primary school already at capacity how can you justify the additional population? With all of the building work going on in Otley the strain on local resources such as schools and GP surgeries is becoming a major issue, another major housing development would add to this problem.

Surely there are more equipped areas within Leeds that can account for the extra housing, we moved to this village because of its beauty and village vibe and as far as I can tell there are no special circumstances to justify building on Green Belt land in this area, Leeds City Council must re assure local residents that this site will remain safeguard well past 2028.

There are further unallocated sites within Pool in wharfedale, none of them make any sense. If we must build, then we should only build on Brownfield areas. Do not allow huge housing developers to come into our village and ruin our lives to line their pockets and somehow try and justify it by saying there is a shortage of homes in the area. Building on our Greenbelt is NOT the solution.

Leeds City Council should listen to the local residents of Pool village on this issue.

I would also like to comment on another part of the plan. Details below.

Policy EG3 - Leeds Bradford International Airport -
Employment Hub

I feel that as a resident of Pool in Wharfedale village that I should pass comment on the above development. While it is very good to create 1000 new jobs to the area I am concerned that this will have a negative affect on Pool village. The road network around LBIA, Otley and Pool cannot cope with 1000 new commuters. Employees coming from the North will take the most direct route to the airport which is through Pool village, this is unacceptable. Has a proper traffic survey been carried out? if not one should and a bypass should be considered, or make Pool village a no through road, access for local residents only.

Thank you for reading my email, I hope that you consider my points and understand my concerns.

Regards,

Mrs Gemma Owens