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To: [Site Allocations Plan](#)
Subject: PDE01000_Objection to the housing development on Tetley playing fields HG2-49, SHLAA 3376
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Dear Sir/Madam,

We are writing to strongly object to the proposed development of the Tetley playing fields.

The fields are a greenfield site designated for recreational activities and provide habitat for wildlife and space for people to exercise. This particular area is especially loved because of its meadow-like feel and variety and beauty of trees. If they are developed then these amenities will be lost.

The fields are in a conservation area and should thereby have enhanced protection from development.

If the fields are developed then this will place excessive demands on the local infrastructure. A large amount of traffic will use the local roads which are already congested. Furthermore, this increased traffic will impact on children walking to the local primary school. Local children are not only susceptible to injury from cars but also to the health risks of exhaust fumes. Building on the fields will also create increased run off of water thereby increasing the risk of flooding in the Meanwood Valley.

It is not necessary to meet demand for housing by building on this site, as the council has previously recognised. In any case, the greatest demand is for social housing which this development will not meet. Building luxury houses with up to 3 garages when there is a national shortage of affordable housing is, in our family's eyes, morally repugnant. In addition, provision of three garages implicitly encourages excessive car use in an area with very good public transport links, which seems contradictory with the council's sustainable transport policy. There are many suitable brownfield and other alternative sites for development which do not pose the same risk to the environment and social equality.

Linking the money raised from building on the site to the continuing use of Headingley stadium for cricket is objectionable. There is no reason for the two matters to be linked other than for the developers to pressurise people into agreeing to the development. Any such pressure should be clearly identified as coercive and should also be strongly resisted.

Yours faithfully,

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