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**To:** [Site Allocations Plan](#)  
**Subject:** PDE01023\_LEEDS SITE ALLOCATION PLANS - FORMAL OBJECTION  
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Dear Sir / Madam,

As part of the Leeds Site Allocation Plan public consultation process, I would like to formally object to the proposed development of the following sites:

HG2-41 (4240) - Fields South of A65 from Horsforth & Rawdon RA to crematorium

HG2-42 (1016) - Fields at Broadway and Calverley Lane, Horsforth

HG2-43 (5009) - Fields at Horsforth College Campus

It is my understanding that the proposed development sites are NOT consistent with the national policy, specifically with regard to Green Belt and I feel Leeds must continue to protect our Green Belt and greenfields.

The fields and open green spaces, which are being proposed for development, are important to me and my family for a number of reasons. They improve our lifestyle by providing a countryside feel to an otherwise urban area, they provide nature and wildlife about which I can teach my children and they represent a family recreational area where we walk and can be active. They also give the community a sense of place and an area to escape the stresses of urban living.

The Leeds and Bradford area has a wealth of brownfield sites, including many unoccupied buildings which should be utilised before greenbelt land. Thus these above development sites should continue to be part of Leeds' 'Strategic Green Infrastructure' as identified in the Adopted Core Strategy.

It has also been brought to my attention that these proposed development sites are NOT consistent with the national policy, specifically with regard to infrastructure, which in and around Horsforth is already stretched to breaking point. Horsforth / Rawdon ring road crossing of the canal/river/ train line is one of the few places in Leeds where it is possible to cross these land structure/features making it a congested area. As such this stretch of the ring road is already beyond capacity even after the recent roadworks at the ESSO garage in Horsforth and the Rodley roundabout on the ring road. Other supporting services such as schools are at capacity, with one of my children already in a 'bulge' year of 2014 and my other child likely to suffer the same fate in 2016 primary school entry. This means that my children's education is suffering due to larger class sizes which will only be exacerbated by the proposed developments, as they lack

the appropriate infrastructure to support them. This is also in line with the lack of local GP services that are currently in place.

While I understand that Local infrastructure (schools / medical facilities) are planned these are likely to follow the housing developments and in the meantime the current infrastructure will take the brunt of the increased population and as a result my family wellbeing will be affected. To support this view, we are already seeing the negative affects of the Horsforth Vale development on our social infrastructure in Horsforth, with regards to schooling and medical care, and these further developments will only worsen this. Currently Leeds has insufficient policies in place to address these issues that these developments will generate and therefore the development and infrastructure requirements must be considered side by side, otherwise it will result in the stretched resources and the degradation of the local community.

This community degradation will be caused by the development of these sites on greenfields will lead to nearby villages being engulfed within the 'Main Urban Area' and they will no longer be separate 'Major Settlements' of their own. Reference, Adopted Core Strategy (Map 3, Settlement Hierarchy).

I hope that I have outline my concerns sufficiently that I find the proposal of these developments strongly objectionable.

Please keep me informed of the public examinations, submission of the plans and potential outcome of the review as I would like to retain my right to attend and speak.

Yours faithfully,

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