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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, HG2-42 and HG2-43

It is my understanding that the proposed development sites are NOT consistent with the national policy, specifically with regard to Green Belt. 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 for many reasons.

I've enjoyed visiting the strawberry fields (HG2-41) for many years with friends and family. Indeed on many occasions I have witnessed large groups and families enjoying this small idle of rural lifestyle in an already built-up area. It is a place where socially and culturally diverse people come to relax and take part in an experience that is so much removed from modern living. Children especially love the hands-on experience of learning about nature, farming and healthy food production. The fields are quite beautiful and simply walking through them toward the canal or to the local high street affords local people an opportunity to take pride in the place that they live.

HG2-42 is a small piece of land which is also picturesque. On several occasions I have appreciated seeing livestock roaming about. A small joy when you consider its proximity to the incredibly busy A6120. Somehow the noise and the fumes from the road don't seem able to disrupt the sense of peacefulness here. Horsforth's appeal as one of the nicer areas in Leeds to live is largely due to it's a rural charms. If all of this is removed it will cease to be an area of Leeds which is different and that people can be proud to call home.

When there are still many brownfield sites to build homes in Leeds it is a crime that local council are even considering these destructive developments.

By far one off my biggest concerns is the effect any more houses will have on the local traffic situation. Which is frankly already under tremendous pressure. The nearby roundabout although newly renovated is already at breaking point with commuters clogging up the roads in all directions. It simply will not take any more strain.

For all of these reasons I believe that these plans need to be reversed. Once we lose these special places we will never get them back.

These sites should continue to be part of Leeds' 'Strategic Green Infrastructure' as identified in the Adopted Core Strategy.

It is my understanding that the proposed development sites are NOT consistent with the national policy, specifically

with regard to infrastructure. Leeds has insufficient policies in place to address the issues that these developments will generate. Development and infrastructure requirements must be considered side by side.

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).

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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