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RE: 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
HG2 – 43
HG2 – 37
HG2 – 12
HG3 - 4

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 green fields, especially chapters 9 Protecting Greenbelt, 11 Conserving Natural Environment and 12 Conserving Historic Environment.

By not considering alternatives (see above), the Council has not proved that '*exceptional circumstances*' exist to outweigh the harm that development would cause to the greenbelt sites here. The Council say that '*growth*' is the exceptional circumstance, but government ministers disagree. This is relevant for all sites listed above.

Specifically concentrating more developments along A65 is unsustainable, dangerous and would be disaster for area. [HG2-41](#) with a school would cause gridlock along the ring-road more so than is now being experienced following the adoption of traffic lights at Horsforth Roundabout. What traffic surveys have been carried out to predict the impact on the local roads?

Sites HG2 – 41 and HG2 – 42 is planned on Green Belt land which forms part of the, already, narrow green corridor which serves to separate Leeds and Bradford along the south-facing slopes of the Aire valley. The site HG3 - 4 serves to separate the village of Rawdon in the north-west from the town of Horsforth to its south and east. They help to define the southern

tip of Rawdon and preserve it as a distinct green village from the growing urban extension of Horsforth

I also would like to point out that Council has not revised its housing target in response to revised ONS projections which would mean city needs 45,000 and not current target of 70,000 - on which Council based its Core Strategy. A reduction in target of just 15,000 would remove need to take any land out of greenbelt.

In conclusion I see no logical reason why these plans should be agreed to.

Yours faithfully

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