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**To:** [Site Allocations Plan](#)  
**Subject:** PDE01055\_Objection to Leeds Site Allocation Plans - contravention of NPPF  
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Dear sirs,

We wish to register our strong objection to the Leeds Site Allocation Plans which make way for our precious green belt land to be cleared for the construction of 1,000+ houses.

We are objecting to the allocation of sites **HG12-41 (4240)**, **HG2-43 (5009)**, **HG2-42 (1016)** and **HG2-12 (4254)**.

The reasons for our objection are:

- irreparable destruction of the Horsforth area's enviable green and rural character, turning the area into a bland urban sprawl of zero aesthetic or cultural appeal.

- our deep concern over the local authority's complete lack of interest in preserving the Horsforth environment with which they are trusted.

- the loss of the strawberry fields. Strawberry picking has become a treasured outdoor family activity.

- should the land be developed, along with the irreparable loss of local wildlife an increasingly important natural drainage would be lost for good, leading to flooding.

- 1,000+ houses would add at least 1,000 extra vehicles to the already over stretched A65. Despite the recent works completed on Horsforth and Rodley roundabouts, there is still a severe bottleneck which can cause delays of up to an hour during peak times. Site HG2-41 and HG2-43 in particular have one point of access. Pollution is already an issue, as well as the A65 being an essential corridor for emergency vehicles.

- if the Redrow development is anything to go by, 1,000+ family homes of 3 bedrooms most suiting families with 2 children can be expected and there has been no mention of any increase in school capacity in the already extremely competitive Horsforth school system, nor doctors surgeries in order to accommodate them. This oversight directly impacts families already resident in the area.

- **the plans to build on the green belt land directly contravene the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)**. The council website detailing the plans is clumsy, obtuse and unclear. Brownfield land in the area is available; in such cases it must be demonstrated that there is an **exceptional** need to encroach on green belt land. This has **NOT** been demonstrated. There reasons why this proposed development is even being considered are murky.

We object because we love Horsforth and wish to protect it. We recognise the need for more housing nationally but these developments are unjustified in their contravention of the NPPF.

Green belt land is deemed green belt for a reason.

Sincerely,

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