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To: [Site Allocations Plan](#)
Subject: PDE01069_Site HG2-10 (1221) Gill Lane, Yeadon LS19 Unsound - Protected Species and lack of consultation with neighbouring Authority.
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Dear Sir / Madam,

I have to advise that during summer evenings whilst walking our dog in along Gill Lane and the footpath beside the A65, I frequently observed Bats flying around. This was often in the area of the proposed site HG2-10(1221).

This is not surprising as Bats account for more than a quarter of mammal species [in the UK](#) and also because site HG2-10(1221) adjoins the Nether Yeadon Conservation area. In parallel with conserving listed buildings fortunately some of the habitat of important species is also conserved. However the fields and mature native trees and old hedgerows of site HG2-10(1221) are an ecosystem. Each Bat will eat a few thousand insects each night, these very fields of site HG2-10(1221) provide this food and some of the trees I suspect serve as Bat Roosts. Should site HG2-10(1221) be developed then a protected species will suffer greatly.

Hence I would ask have Leeds City Council as the planning authority followed their duties in relation to site HG2-10(1221) under the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 and the presence of protected species? If they have not the surely the proposals for site HG2-10(1221) are not sound.

This site lies directly on the already congested A65 and nearby to Apperley Lane/A658. Leeds City Council has also failed in its duty to cooperate with neighbouring authorities – in this case Bradford Council about development of this site. The proposed site for development is very near to the border of the Bradford local authority and development on both sides of the Leeds/Bradford border has a cumulative impact on roads and schools in the area. There has been and is continuing to be substantial development on Apperley Lane which is in Bradford. This adds more to the negative cumulative impact in terms of traffic congestion in this area. Congestion has a genuinely adverse and detrimental effect on the local community in clogging up roads, endangering the health of pedestrians in terms of the increase in traffic fumes and actively changing the character of the area.

The full extent of the negative cumulative impacts are not being considered adequately due to so little evidence of the separate Leeds and Bradford Authorities working together on planning matters.

The building of a new rail station at Apperley Bridge will actually add to traffic issues as people seek to park and ride there.

In my view Leeds City Council needs to reconsider any possible development plans for this site.

Yours faithfully

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