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Subject: PDE01072_Opposition to Proposed Developments on Greenbelt sites
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To whom it may concern,
Please see my letter below and attached for printing purposes.
Many thanks,
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Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to object to development on the following sites, which are included in Leeds' Site Allocation Plan: HG2-41, HG2-43, HG2-12, HG3-2, HG3-3 and HG3-4.

These sites are classified as greenbelt and strategic green infrastructure, and are therefore protected by the NPPF and Leeds' adopted Core Strategy. Furthermore, I object to the inclusion of all greenbelt sites in Leeds.

The NPPF defines the five purposes of greenbelt as:

- “-to check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas;
- to prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another;
- to assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment;
- to preserve the setting and special character of historic towns;
- to assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land.”

The SAP contradicts all of these purposes. Housing on HG2-12 and HG2-41 would merge Rawdon and Horsforth and damage their special, historic character, defeating the first, second and fourth purposes.

The inclusion of all of the sites mentioned above defeats the third purpose, since large

areas of countryside will be lost.

The fifth purpose is defeated by failing to include 94 brownfield sites in the SAP, which were assessed as suitable in the SHLAA. These are exactly the sort of sites which should be included instead of greenbelt and strategic green infrastructure. There is clearly no 'very exceptional circumstance' to build on greenbelt, as required by the NPPF. In fact, housing targets do not count as exceptional circumstances in any eventuality, and especially since the target of 70,000 is known to be wrong. Up-to-date population figures yield a target of 44,000.

I find it incredible that little or no infrastructure planning has been carried out, and also that there is no apparent consideration for what sort of homes will be built. The emphasis seems to be on how many homes and how much money developers can make, not on providing low cost homes to help people get on to the housing ladder.

With reference to the four key questions: have the plans been positively prepared; are the plans justified; will the plans be effective; and is the plan consistent with National Policy and Core Strategy: I have to conclude the answer is no to all of them.

Yours Sincerely

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