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To: [Site Allocations Plan](#)
Subject: PDE01102_Leeds Site Allocation Plan
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Dear Sir or Madam,

I wish to make comments on the Leeds Site Allocation Plan, as follows.

Phase 2: Plan Ref. HG2-18; SHLAA 2130- Church Lane, Adel

I wish to object the allocation of this site for housing and a school. My objections are as follows:

- Conservation/Heritage: the development is opposite a Grade I listed church, and any local development will irrevocably change the setting of and environment around this church. This was recognised by a Government Inspector as part of a 1999 Unitary Development Plan, who said that “the preservation of its (the church’s) setting is of unchallenged importance”.
- Loss of Green Belt: At least part of the land being used forms part of Leeds Green Belt land. The removal of the land from Green Belt does not meet the Special Circumstances for doing so listed in the National Planning Policy Framework.
- Highways/Transport: The plan includes for access to and from the site via both the A660 Otley Road and Church Lane. Such access is not sustainable, as both roads are already heavily congested; for example, at the junctions of Church Lane, Adel Lane and Otley Road, where traffic often backs up on both Adel and Church Lane from the traffic lights. There may also be knock on effect on Long Causeway, as traffic seeks to bypass congestion at the aforementioned junctions.

Unallocated sites (site refs. 1243, 1246 & 1079)

I wish to support the non-allocation of the above sites for development.

Soundness of the Plan

The plan is not sound because Effectiveness criterion set out in the National Planning Policy Framework; in that it fails to account sufficiently for the infrastructure failings associated with Plan Ref. HG2-18 (see above). The plan will be made sound if a site is developed with existing or future road access that is less prone to congestion.

Kind regards,

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