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Dear Sirs,

We object to in the inclusion of site HG2 43 in the Site Allocations Plan as the site is green belt. Over the last few decades there has been a sustained attack on green open spaces within the township and the gradual erosion of the amenities which make it such a desirable place to live.

The traffic problems associated with the A65 and Broadway are well known and further residential development impacting on the A65 corridor will stretch the already inadequate and under-invested infrastructure in this area to breaking point. By this we mean not only roads but also school, medical and parking provision. The consequences of the housing development on the former Clariant site on the other section of Calverley Lane and that proposed on the Horsforth Park Lane Campus are already feared by residents as we believe the highway's implications have been grossly under-estimated. The recent signalisation of the A65/Broadway roundabout has already seen an increase in congestion on the A65 Rawdon Road and New Road Side and 'rat-running' and the build up of traffic through the Victoria's and West End residential areas.

The fact that Site HG2 43 has benefited from Green Belt protection for many years confirms its significance as an important area of green space. Under National Planning Policy green-belt boundaries should only be revised in exceptional circumstances. We do not consider there to be any exceptional circumstances that would justify development of this site.

In conclusion we confirm we do not support the development of any more important green open spaces in Horsforth or housing development which will impact on the already overstretched infrastructure. Removing the site from the green belt is contrary to National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) Section 9, paragraph 80 because including the site for development fails the 5 tests of green belt purpose. The inclusion of the site to achieve housing number target is not an exceptional circumstance as per paragraph 83 of NPPF. Based on this I do not think that the Plan is sound as it is not consistent with national policy. We therefore ask that you take our views into consideration and help protect our local community and its immediate environment for the benefit of future generations.

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