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RE: LEEDS SITE ALLOCATION PLANS - FORMAL OBJECTION

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Dear Sir / Madam,

As part of the Leeds Site Allocation Plan public consultation process, I would like to formally object to the proposed development of the following sites:

HG2-41 (4240)
HG2-42 (1016)
HG2-43 (5009)
HG2-12 (4254)
HG3-2
HG3-3

It is my understanding that the proposed development sites are NOT consistent with the national policy, specifically with regard to Green Belt. Leeds must continue to protect our Green Belt and greenfields.

These sites should continue to be part of Leeds' 'Strategic Green Infrastructure' as identified in the Adopted Core Strategy.

One of the reasons I moved to Horsforth over nine years ago was the attraction of the small town and the interspersed green areas surrounding the area. I had previously lived in London and Yorkshire had the attraction that it was not just about cars and houses.

Horsforth has always been a busy town with many people both residents and those passing through using the neighbouring roads to access the ring road, the A6120. As the town has grown the ability to get around the area particularly in rush hour and the school run has become increasingly difficult to manage. The proposed increase of so many new properties can only bring with it an increased level of traffic thus adding to the bottlenecks already experienced. With traffic also brings pollution and the long term effects on health. At least we currently have some designated green areas to help reduce this impact.

Should the plans go ahead then there will no longer be areas of green dividing

banks of houses but one large estate as each will form the back door of the next and the next and so on. The identity of Horsforth as a small town will be lost as it becomes one large sprawling estate.

The more we allow urban sprawl to expand the further we erode our local and natural habitats. Simple pleasures such as strawberry picking are suddenly no longer part of the local community and any chance of a habitat in which our wildlife can thrive is extinguished.

It is my understanding that the proposed development sites are NOT consistent with the national policy, specifically with regard to infrastructure. Leeds has insufficient policies in place to address the issues that these developments will generate. Development and infrastructure requirements must be considered side by side.

Development of these sites on greenfields will lead to nearby villages being engulfed within the 'Main Urban Area' and they will no longer be separate 'Major Settlements' of their own. Reference, Adopted Core Strategy (Map 3, Settlement Hierarchy).

Yours faithfully,

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