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To: [Site Allocations Plan](#); [Bentley, Cllr Jonathan](#)
Cc:
Subject: PDE01198_Objections to SAP HG2-48(3457)
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Mr & Mrs M A Lawes,

Dear Sir or Madam

I reside with my wife and two daughters at the above address and we are aware of the Site Allocations Plan for Site HG2-48(3457) Weetwood Manor that adjoins our house and land. Having discussed this we seriously question the soundness of the plan and wish to raise the following concerns and objections.

- Access to the proposed site is a cause for concern. Weetwood Lane is already congested, with dangerous junctions at both ends of Weetwood Court and ineffective speed restrictions along this section of road. Any further traffic emerging from these junctions, or others nearby, will increase the level of accident risk at this location, particularly endangering cyclists and pedestrians.
- The land at site HG2-48(3457) adjacent to Weetwood Court and Weetwood Walk is raised in height and not flat as presented in the topography section of document PRF_HSG00802_Weetwood Manor.pdf. As such the land and trees act as a buffer to noise and pollution at my property from the A660 Otley Road.
- In relation to the elevated nature of this land any properties built upon it would overlook the houses from 21 Weetwood Walk through to 35 Weetwood Court. This will have an undesirable impact on the privacy of these residences and in particular my property at 23 Weetwood Walk which has the longest adjoining boundary of any of these properties. Having lived at my property for 25 years I am aware that this land was elevated by Yorkshire Water some 20 years ago and planted with a variety of trees. Presumably there were strong reasons for this in order to justify the cost and these need to be investigated and clarified.
- This land now provides a habitat rich in wildlife such as Roe Deer; bats; small ground mammals e.g. hedgehogs, mice, voles and shrews; amphibians e.g. frogs, toads and newts; birds e.g. a variety of tits and finches, redwing, waxwing, fieldfare, heron and owl; invertebrates such as bees, butterflies and moths and the other flora and fauna that co-habit with these species. Loss of this habitat is contrary to the unique nature of Weetwood, punctuated as it is by green space which needs protecting from housing development.

There is no reported housing shortage in the area. The soundness of the city wide plan needs to be considered further and detailed evidence provided to indicate why valuable green space in the vicinity of Weetwood Manor is at risk of being re-designated for housing development.

Yours faithfully,

Michael A Lawes

Catherine M Lawes