

**From:**  
**To:** [Site Allocations Plan](#)  
**Subject:** PDE01200\_Haighside site development, Rothwell: Site reference number HG2-173  
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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to object to the proposed development of the Haighside site ref: HG2-173. I do not believe that this site should form part of LCC's housing Site Allocation Plan for several reasons as follows: -

The land in question is green field land currently used for agriculture. This type of land should only be used for residential, industrial or other commercial purposes as a last resort and when all other development options on brown field sites have been fully exploited. This land currently provides valuable habitat including a watercourse for wildlife which I have seen evidence of whilst living in the area. Much of this would be lost should the land be developed as proposed.

Residents of Low Shops Lane have already been affected by housing development in recent years with the development of the Castle lodge Estate and the construction of several hundred dwellings there, some within 20 metres of existing housing.

I understand that there are several electricity pylons running through the proposed site. Surely this reduces the feasibility and capacity of the site. I also understand that such structures can have long term health effects of those living close by.

An addition of over 550 houses on this site is only going to add to the heavy burden already on the facilities and infrastructure of the Rothwell area. Already the road network, suffers from traffic jams particularly the Wakefield Road / Wood Lane - 'Whale bones' Junction. Traffic can tail back for hundreds of metres throughout several hours of the day.

As part of this proposal I am not aware of any provision of any additional facilities such as doctors surgeries, schools, buses, sports facilities, parks, shops etc...leading me to believe that the current facilities would become busier and less available.

There are other sites within the Rothwell & Middleton areas such as the industrial development to the north side of the Wood Lane at the Whale Bones Junction, the current Manheim Actions site in Rothwell and the Scrap yard area along Thorpe Lane in Middleton which I believe would be more suited to such a development and would not have the same high level of impact on the community and the environment as that proposed within plans for HG2-173.

I hope that you give my representations due consideration and ultimately reject the proposals to develop green field land in Rothwell, particularly that within the Haighside proposals.

Yours sincerely,

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I am of the understanding that the landowner of Hope Farm in nearby Robin Hood has submitted his land as an alternative site to that at Haighside. I suggest that this site could not only provide the appropriate amount of housing but would also have space for