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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 Land North of Calverley Lane A65

HG2..... 43 Horsforth Park Lane Campus

HG2...42 Broadway and Calverley Lane

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.

The fields and open green spaces, which are being proposed for development, are important to me because they offer a natural separation of distinct areas of Leeds where local residents have pride in the parts that they live in and prevents Leeds becoming blighted by urban sprawl. When I

moved to Leeds 18 years ago at university an attraction was that Leeds was one of the greenest cities and over time I have grown to love Leeds more as I have started a family and the green spaces are an integral part of why I want my family to grow up in the city and surrounding areas.

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

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).

My concerns include:-

- Impact on the road network around Horsforth. Horsforth is a main route to Leeds Bradford airport and the additional congestion caused will affect this vital economic resource. The proposed bypass does not address this.
- Considerations of further impact upon the traffic are difficult as the developments at the former Clariant Site are still ongoing with this welcome development of a brownfield site. The recent improvements to both Horsforth and Rodley Roundabouts to relieve significant bottle necks in North Leeds will be undermined with no room for further improvement. Additionally despite this work travelling from Horsforth, Guiseley and Yeadon to Pudsey, Bradford and other areas of employment will be adversely impacted due to the bottlenecks crossing both canal, river and the railway lines.
- Local primary schools, particularly Newlaithes Primary school are already a two form entry with no provision for further expansion, furthermore the expansion will have an impact on education provision for families, as housing will inevitably be aimed at families.
- HG41 is a non-walkable distance to local conveniences which will result in increased short commutes and congestion to Horsforth Town Street and Horsforth New Road Side. With the Clariant development there was the provision of regular commuter bus – but this woefully under used (travels empty most of the time leading to pollution and not achieving its aims) and suggestions such as this will not help reduce the impact on local infrastructure.

- The provision of HG2-43 will lead to significant additional traffic congestion joining new road side, an area that is already congested and impact on the flow of traffic on the A65 that is, despite improvements poor. With the congestion the A65, I fear a cyclist will be injured as they attempt to avoid traffic and there is no opportunity for improved cycle provision along this road.
  
- The additional building of housing on this area of greenbelt will affect my families ability to enjoy the open spaces. One of my pastimes is running and cycling and often use these roads, additional junctions will increase risk of injury to myself and others. It will also have an impact on local wildlife, one of the great joys of being able to run in the local country side is to come across an occasional deer or fox. The developments in the area between Horsforth / Guiseley and Rodley / Calverley will undermine this greatly.

Please keep me informed of the public examinations, submission of the plans and potential outcome of the review as I would like to retain my right to attend and speak.

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