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To: [Site Allocations Plan](#)
Subject: PDE01231_Leeds site allocation plans formal objection
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RE: LEEDS SITE ALLOCATION PLANS - FORMAL OBJECTION

Date 15/11/15

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) – Fields south of A65 from Horsforth roundabout to Rawdon Crematorium
HG2-42 (1016) – Fields at Broadway and Calverley Lane Horsforth
HG2-43 (5009) – Conservation area at Park Lane College Campus, Horsforth
HG2-12 (4254) – Fields at Woodland's Drive

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 some respite from the urban sprawl and give the local communities individual identity. They are used for many purposes including exercise and dog walking and provide a habitat for wildlife which should be protected

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:-

The city has no current plan to solve traffic problems along the A65. The road cannot be widened along New Road Side, a current bottleneck already causing misery and long delays for many on a daily basis. This is currently impacting on the local community as many commuters are attempting to bypass delays in queuing towards Horsforth roundabout by taking a detour along Clarence Drive, Newlaithes Gardens, Victoria Crescent, Victoria Mount and Calverley Lane thus re-joining the A65 again just before the roundabout. This is already proving a problem in a residential area with narrow roads and a large number of children. An increase AGAIN in housing in the area is going to AGAIN make the problem worse.

The city does not have a solution for more traffic crossing the river, canal or railway. The road could not be widened without replacing all three bridges.

Local amenities would be unable to cope particularly schools in the area which are hugely oversubscribed already. I understand new schools are planned but as we have seen before changes are made at the eleventh hour causing disruption and uncertainty for children and their families (something we have already experienced with Featherbank and Newlaithes expansion).

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.

Yours faithfully,

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