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**To:** [Site Allocations Plan](#)  
**Subject:** PDE01348\_LEEDS SITE ALLOCATION PLANS - FORMAL OBJECTION  
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Dear Sir/Madam

Regarding the above matter, I would like to formally object to the proposed development of the following sites: -

- HG2-10 (1221) Gill Lane Fields

It is my understanding that the proposed development sites are NOT consistent with the national policy, specifically with regard to Green Belt and infrastructure. Leeds has insufficient policies in place to address the issues that these developments will generate. Surely 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). Leeds must continue to protect our Green Belt and greenfields. Why oh why not build on brownfield sites?

The fields and open green spaces which are being proposed for development, are important to me and my family who live in Yeadon and Horsforth, because having lived in this beautiful part of Aireborough originally moving here in 1974, I have lived, worked and raised our children here and they are now raising theirs. We are all so lucky to have open fields, countryside and historic buildings within easy reach and they are and have been essential to our wellbeing, health and exercise over the past 40 plus years and that is what we want to continue for the next 40 plus years. However with so many more houses - to my knowledge 2400 in the past 10 years without improvements in any of the areas below and, apparently, no stated improvement plans going forward but still more houses trying to be pushed on us. My concerns include: -

**Transport Infrastructure:** there will be no improvements to our infrastructure to accommodate the massive growth in traffic going through and about Aireborough

**Schools:** Primary and Secondary schools are already full and will be at

crisis point in the next few years

**Doctors & NHS /dentists:** as above

**Employment:** There are no new areas in Aireborough planned for new businesses apart from the Airport. The surrounding agricultural sites are being developed and the traditional rural economy of the area is being pressured out and jobs lost.

**Co-operation with Bradford:** There are presently so many houses having been built and in the process of being built around Apperley Bridge, there seems to be no co-operation between the two cities and Bradford is becoming part of Leeds.

Does the city have any current plan to solve traffic problems along the affected areas, I think not! Most of the A65 could be widened but the bottle neck issue on New Road Side appears to have been ignored. Neither does the city have any solution for more traffic crossing the river, canal or railway. All three bridges would have to be replaced before any road widening could take place, developers would not pay for this work.

My objections are as follows: -

1. This site was a successfully defended piece of Greenbelt in 1994.
2. This development would merge Nether Yeadon with Guiseley and Henshaw
3. It is adjacent to a Conservation Area and should actually be part of it according to Historic England
4. This site has over 21 mature and rare English trees, home and habitat to owls, woodpeckers and bats etc. My children used to go birdwatching in these fields when they were younger. There are also a number of footpaths round about which are still in use.
5. Historic pasture land is still in use by a local farmer
6. The last farmland for 4 miles along the A65, remove of which would fully urbanise what was once a rural heartland
7. It is part of a continuous Greenbelt between Leeds and Bradford and prevents urban sprawl from both cities
8. Finally, Developers' traffic survey was apparently done during school holidays. Whose brilliant idea was that, of course the A65 Horsforth/Guiseley will be less congested then - we can even get out of the end of our road in the school holidays with no problem, try it during term time and we can wait for ever to merge with the traffic which is at a standstill at the best of times to and from Leeds.

I know that our local area Councillors and MPs have all worked tirelessly regarding the above concerns and hats off to them all for voicing their

constituents concerns and worries, but the matter is of grave concern to everyone in this area as we cannot be bulldozed into losing more and more of our precious Greenbelt without speaking out, so I ask that you please keep me informed of the public examination, submission of plans and the potential outcome of the review as I would like to retain my right to attend and speak if necessary.

Yours faithfully

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