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To: [Site Allocations Plan](#)
Subject: PDE01366_Objection to proposed housing ref: site HG2-173
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Dear Leeds City Council,

I do not support the proposed allocation of the Haighside site, ref:HG2-173, and I believe it's inclusion in the Site Allocations Plan renders the plan completely unsound.

The current infrastructure around this area is already totally inadequate for 2015. Traffic during rush hour, and how the council manages this at the Jaw bones junction and on the M621 is unacceptable, it should not take over an hour on some days to travel a mere 4 miles. When you add the commuters of the additional proposed housing it will be an almost impossibility.

Additionally, there are already not enough school places and doctors appointments, and yet with all the new houses proposed, no community buildings will be included. Why is this?

This Haighside site is affected by electricity pylons which run through the eastern portion of the site. As well as this there are water courses running through the site which would provide ecological constraints to any development. Both of these issues will have a significant effect on the number of dwellings which may be delivered, meaning the SAP will be ineffective in delivering the housing requirements in Outer South HMCA.

Development of the Haighside site would also reduce the important Green Belt gap between the settlements of Robin Hood and Rothwell. It would also have unacceptable impact on the existing community in terms of access to the site through the neighbouring estate.

To properly plan for development in this part of the district, Leeds City Council should be allocating land where development will best deliver the housing and infrastructure we need in a way that is least environmentally affecting and where it can deliver benefits for the existing community.

I also have real concerns about the environmental impact of housing so close to Haighside Woods and the bats and other wildlife that live within it.

However, I understand that the landowner of Hope Farm, Robin Hood has submitted his land as an alternative to the Haighside site and I would urge the Council to consider this rejected site as a more appropriate and suitable alternative to deliver growth in this part of Leeds. As well as being able to deliver an appropriate number of dwellings, the Hope Farm site would also be able to deliver a school for the benefit of the whole local community.

Therefore, I urge the Council to remove the Haighside site from the Site Allocation Plan and instead include the proposed Hope Farm.

With kindest regards

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