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I am writing to express my concern about, and to query the justification for, the inclusion of the Church Lane Paddock, Meanwood in the Leeds SAP (ref HG2-50) and of the proposal to build up to 25 properties on this site over the next 5 years.

This paddock remains the only piece of undeveloped land of any size in Meanwood, other than Meanwood Park. Meanwood has seen a great deal of development, especially residential, in recent years, including the very extensive housing estate built on the former Meanwood Hospital site and also the Wickett development. And plans seem to be progressing for the construction of a large number of housing units on the former Working Men's Club site.

These developments, along with those of a commercial nature such as the opening of a Waitrose store, have gone ahead without any significant enhancement of the area's infrastructure generally - the road system in particular has only been given relatively minor upgrades. In consequence the traffic congestion has become much worse in recent years, especially at the highly problematic Green Road/Stonegate Road/Meanwood Road/Monkbridge Road junction and at the Stonegate Road/Parkside Road traffic lights. Any further development of the area will only make such matters much worse.

In addition the Paddock helps to give Meanwood much of its "village" character, as it contributes to the enhancement of the setting of the Parish Church. The Paddock also serves as a haven for wild life in an area which is otherwise built up for quite some distance.

For these, and other, reasons, it seems completely unjustifiable to include the one remaining piece of green undeveloped land in Meanwood in the Leeds SAP or to permit its development for housing. Meanwood has already made a significant contribution to such developments in recent years - future house, and commercial, building in this highly built-up suburb should be limited to brown field sites as in the case of the Working Men's Club site.

I trust that these comments will be taken into account as this matter is considered further.

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