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To: <u>Site Allocations Plan</u>

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To LDF Publication Draft Consultation, Forward Planning and Implementation, Leonardo Building, 2, Rossington Street, Leeds, LS2 8HD.

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RE: &AVLAAP-FORMAL OBJECTIONS MADE DURING PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Dear Sir/ Madam,

I wish to make you aware of a number of strong objections that I have with regard to the proposed development of greenbelt and green field sites

- * HG2- 69 (3001_4044) Dick Lane
- * HG2- 65 (4046) Daleside Road

As a local resident living close to the sites of proposed developments, on greenbelt protected land will have a serious negative impact on our standard of living, and should be excluded from the plans. My specific objections are as follows:

- 1- Inconsistent with National Policy Framework
- *1- INADEQUATE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSTRAINT: NPPF now states that the target level of housing development within the plans should be capped in line with the capacity of brownfield sites to accommodate it, to protect and enhance greenbelt. The current plans exceed this capacity; resulting in the permanent and unnecessary destruction of greenbelt, which must be protected.

This greenbelt land divides Leeds from Bradford, and without it we will have two cities where there is no visible green division. This **SHOULD NOT** be allowed to happen? **Greenbelt should be protected.**

*2-PRIORITISATION OF GREENBELT OVER BROWNFIELD. NPPF states that brownfield sites are to be prioritised over the development of green field and greenbelt. The site at **HG2-69 (Dick Lane)** -the brownfield sites have been used, as at the Aagrah midpoint, the Odeon, Morrisons head quarters, and a hotel! This is already a BD postcode, and you should not build on this vital piece of greenbelt that prevents the urban sprawl merging the two cities!

The site **HG2-65** (**Daleside Road**) will remove the current golf course, which people have enjoyed the greenness of in that area. As a young girl, living in Tyersal, I was allowed to go down to Duckets Crossing by the railway lines, and loved the fact that there were fields there! As an adult, now living in Pudsey, I love walking through the houses at Daleside, walking down Daleside Road to Duckets crossing and beyond, but when we get to the golf course fields, that's when we feel we are in the country. Aaah!

*3- LOSS OF COMMUNITY IDENTITY: NPPF states that the merging of communities is to be prevented, yet the development of these two sites will do do exactly that! Leeds will become Bradford, and Bradford is only too happy to

be linked with Leeds! There will be 295 houses built in these developments! *4- LACK OF INFRASTRUCTURE: NPPF states that infrastructure must come first! I think a new school has been proposed, but have traffic considerations been made for a road that already struggles to keep the flow moving at busy times? Where are all these people going to go to the Doctors and Dentists? The Hillfoot Surgery is full. Dentists in Pudsey are full. Are these people expected to use services in Bradford?

Negative impact on Highway Safety and Traffic

You say a new school will be built, but where? - opposite the Bradford Thornbury Primary School? Parking and traffic is already crazy on there at school times! Planners should come and observe how areas work before suggesting areas to be developed!

Lack of Co-operation with Neighbouring Councils

Have you consulted with Bradford about these proposals? Will Bradford be happy for patients in Leeds, to use Bradford's surgeries?

Bradford has many unused brownfield sites which could be used for housing developments. Have you consulted with Bradford, to see if this could reduce the number of houses Leeds thinks it needs.

Negative Effect on the Landscape:

You will destroy the views of people in Tyersal and Daleside, and Waterloo Road if these developments go a head!

I'm sure this development will impact on the wildlife of the area.

It will definitely impact on the well-being of the community!

On these grounds, I sincerely hope that you will act on our behalf, (I am writing on behalf of my family) and reject the the progression of these greenfield sites within the development proposals! You **must not** allow the urban sprawl of Leeds to merge with Bradford! This is being attacked by planning proposals all round the west border of Leeds! We will be one bigger city, that neither Leeds or Bradford want! We have our own identities of which we are proud! We don't want to be Leedsford or BradLeeds!

Please keep me informed of opportunities to present my objections to the planning panel, the public examinations, the submission of the plans and potential outcome of the review!

Yours faithfully

Barbara Thomas

Sent from my iPad