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To: [Site Allocations Plan](#)
Cc: [Stuart Andrew.MP](#)
Subject: PDE01397_LCC public housing planning consultation. site refs HG3-2, HG3-4, HG2-41, HG2-12
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing in response to local site allocations that are in consideration for new housing as part of LCC forward planning. To note; the only notification I have had of local sites being under consideration as part of any housing review is from local actions groups. As far as I am aware we have not been contacted or informed of any planning activity directly by LCC.

NIMBYism is rife, I will try to avoid it.

The sites I reference in the E Mail header are local greenfield sites that make up part of the greenbelt and the character of our local area. I would object to their use for the foreseeable future on a number of grounds.

My overall opinion of development on any Greenfield site is that it should only be considered after all brown field sites and current disused housing stock have been developed. Developing greenfield causes a permanent irreversible change to our environment, green infrastructure and eco systems.

Specific objections I would make are;

- First and foremost is the current and future effect on traffic congestion. The current road infrastructure is full at and around peak times in North West Leeds. Access through Aireborough and the A65 to Horsforth is regularly at gridlock. Adding the proposed sites without major changes to access will make things considerably worse. I am sure there are areas of Leeds with much better networks to support such levels of housing development.
- A number of these sites support regular farming activity and wildlife diversity. HG2-12, HG2-41 and HG3-4 containing a number of different habitats that should be preserved rather than destroyed.
- I am lead to believe that greenbelt land is only to be used in "exceptional circumstances". So far we have not seen evidence or communication that tells us housing requirement for Leeds cannot be fulfilled by means other than greenbelt development.

I hope that these objections will be seriously considered.

Regards

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