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To: [Site Allocations Plan](#)
Subject: PDE01406_Consultation re Site HG2-48 (3457) - Weetwood Manor
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Dear Sirs

I am a resident of Weetwood and wish to comment on the listed site HG2-48 (3457) - Weetwood Manor.

The site is not suitable for housing, in my opinion, for the following reasons:

1. Loss of good quality green space. The area is relatively small, but as it is not accessible to the public or to local residents it is a haven for wildlife. The area is on quite a steep small bank and is mainly wooded. Yorkshire Water occasionally cut the grass around the woodland, but I have never seen anyone else accessing the area. Deer can be seen grazing, bats flying in the evening, various types of birds and no doubt many other forms of creature living virtually undisturbed.

2. I note from the Greenspace Background Paper that Headingley is very short of green spaces. In fact, for many Headingley residents, Weetwood is part of their area. When I lived in Headingley, I regularly came up the road to Weetwood to walk in the Hollies and enjoy the trees and green spaces characteristic of this part of Weetwood. I am sure many other Headingley residents do likewise. There is not a large "surplus" of natural green space in Weetwood compared with many other areas and wards. Indeed, taking Headingley into account, there is a shortage of good quality natural green spaces in the area.

3. The site forms part of a green corridor. It also helps to act as "lungs" for the area, which is close to the A660 and not far from the ring road.

4. To be able to see natural green spaces is vital for the mental health and well-being of local residents. The sight of that wooded hillside lifts my heart when I arrive home from work in the evening, and I am sure many of my neighbours feel the same.

5. I understand that Yorkshire Water has pipes under the land so that not many dwellings could be built there. If planning permission were to be granted, this would mean the destruction of a well-loved green space for very little benefit.

6. No frontage to the public highway. If a means of access along the

edge of Richmond House School is being considered, this is not suitable for reasons discussed when the School were planning access to their car park on Glen Road. It would take land from a protected sports field. It would also exit onto Weetwood Lane immediately after a blind bend. On a couple of occasions over the years I have witnessed near collisions when a car has been attempting to leave the area near the privately owned garages and another vehicle has been travelling fast towards the ring road.

7. The many areas of brownfield sites within Leeds, and improvements to existing housing, should be considered before destruction of a well-loved green space.

Yours sincerely

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