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To Leeds City Council - proposed housing in Horsforth

1) I am very concerned that the proposed site allocations for building in on green belt sites in Horsforth contravene the National Planning Policy Framework

Site HG2-12 This is in the Green Belt as identified in Leeds Core Strategy.

Sites HG3 2, HG3-3, HG3 -4 are all in the Green Belt and are shown as Strategic Green Infrastructure in Leeds Core Strategy.

Site HG2 41 This site is in Green belt as identified in Leeds Core Strategy.

Site HG2-42 This site is in the Green belt.

HG2 -43 This site is in Green Belt and part of the site is listed in Leeds City College prospectus as a "nature reserve".

The combined use of sites HG2-41, HG2-12, HG3 -2 and HG3 -3 would merge Horsforth and Rawdon This is inconsistent with both the NPPF and Leeds Core Strategy.

Green Belts are vitally important. They serve to provide "lungs" for the city and guard against unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas, also safeguard the countryside from encroachment.

2) HG2 -44 The land allocated for housing here is not simply the vacant plot in Clarence Road but also the steep section running down to Newlay Lane . This is wooded land in the heart of the Newlay Conservation Area, containing many mature trees, a special characteristic for which the conservation area was designated.

3) It appears to me also that the target figure for houses needed by 2028 is based on out-of-date statistics. Given the impact of any new housing on the infrastructure of this area – roads, schools, medical facilities – planning for more housing than will actually be needed is not justified.

These plans rely too heavily on Green Belt rather than alternative sites. The overall plans are not consistent with national policy.

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