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To: [Site Allocations Plan](#)
Subject: PDE01563_Site allocation Plan Section 3
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Dear Sir,

I should like to make the following comments regarding the Leeds City Council Site Allocation Plan-Publication Draft-Section 3.1 Aireborough:

Regarding the soundness of the proposals:

Paragraph 3.1 Within this paragraph is the statement "Guiseley has a train station which is on the Leeds-Harrogate line"

Perhaps this gives an insight into the standard of knowledge which Leeds City Planning Department has of the Aireborough district, it is well known to the residents of this area that Guiseley station is on the Leeds-Ilkley line.

On each description of the these various sites within the proposals for Aireborough i.e. HG2-1, Hg2-2, HG2-3, Hg2-5, HG2-9, HG2-10, HG2-12, contains the following:

"The development will be required to contribute to measures to mitigate the cumulative impact of this and other sites affecting the corridor. These measures may take the form of contributions towards more significant measures such as improvements to Horsforth roundabout"

I take it from this that Leeds City council are well aware that these proposals will cause major problems in the area when they use the expression "to mitigate the cumulative impact". I would also suggest that using such contributions for improvements to Horsforth roundabout which is not in the area covered by these proposals is an insult to local residents. Not only are we to be subjected to the cumulative impact of these proposals but contributions from the developers will not be used to mitigate the impact within the area but may be used outside this area.

A65.

The A65 is currently congested to a lesser or greater degree, 24 hours per day, 7 days a week. It must be remembered that as well as serving local traffic the A65 is one of the major routes leading into the Yorkshire Dales from the Leeds/Bradford conurbation.

I worked in Rawdon in 1970, since that time thousands of houses and two trading estates have been built in the area, but there have been no major improvements made to the A65. The fact that the A65 is congested is well known to local motorists and they will avoid it at all costs and this results in all the local roads becoming "rat runs". Roads which were not designed to cope with such volumes of traffic are now out of bounds to locals who would wish to utilise them for cycling or walking. This has a major effect on the quality of life of people in this area but this aspect does not appear to be taken into account by Leeds City Council.

There is a suggestion that a proposed developer for site HG2-10 Gill Lane carried out a traffic survey on the A65 during school holidays, I do not know if this is

true but I feel an independent traffic survey of the A65 in the Aireborough area should be carried out before any further developments are finalised.

Finally I would like to comment on the so called public consultations on these proposals. I attended the "Consultation Drop in" held at Guiseley Methodist Hall on Wednesday, 23rd September 2015, whatever it was it was not a public consultation. There were crowds of the public in the hall, it was difficult to find any representative of the council and when I was told that they had run out of stationery to register a protest I left the hall in disgust. In my opinion there has been a complete lack of consultation with the public of Aireborough and the Planning Department has made a minimum effort to "tick the boxes".

I trust these comments will be made available to the Independent Planning Inspector in due course.

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