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To: [Site Allocations Plan](#)  
Subject: PDE01576\_LSAP and AVLAAP - Formal Objections  
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Dear Sir/Madam

I write on behalf of Animal Christian Concern, Leeds, to inform you of a number of strong objections that we have with regard to the proposed development of the following greenbelt and green field sites:-

HG2-41 (4240) - Fields South of A65 from Horsforth & Rawdon RA to crematorium

HG2-42 (1016) - Fields at Broadway and Calverley Lane, Horsforth

HG2-43 (5009) - Fields at Horsforth College Campus

As many of us are local residents, living close to the sites of proposed development, we are of the view that the proposed developments on greenbelt protected land will have a serious negative impact on our standard of living and should be excluded from the plans. Our objections relate to the lack of conservation of the natural environment and are as follows:-

1. Destruction of habitats - The above sites are host to crested newts, different species of bats, owls, hawks, wild deer, badgers and a huge array of wildlife that will perish as a result of the proposed development. While there may be token provision allocated for selected species, the majority are not even noted or recognised in the inadequate environmental impact assessments which have been conducted to date.
2. Isolation of wildlife - The above sites provide a continuous chain of greenbelt along the River Aire Valley, which allows the wildlife migratory and residential access across the region. The destruction of these greenbelt sites will lead to their isolation, hemmed in by the proposed housing and Ring Road, leading to their permanent demise from the area.
3. Removal of community engagement with countryside - Site

HG2-41 (4240) is used both as working agricultural land and also as 'Pick Your Own' fruit fields. During the fruit picking season, the fields provide thousands of people from the local community with a meaningful way to connect with the natural environment.

Literally hundreds of families, many with small children, arrive each week to pick their own strawberries amongst the butterflies.

If developed on, this connection local people have with their natural environment will be lost forever.

On these and other grounds, we sincerely hope that you are able to act on our behalf and reject the progression of these greenbelt sites within the development proposals.

Yours faithfully,

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