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To: [Site Allocations Plan](#)
Subject: PDE01591_Proposed allocation for housing in the Leeds Site Allocations Plan - Ref HG2-49
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Dear sir or madam

Please note that I strongly object to the destruction of this green belt by housing for many reasons, including the following:-

1. The site is designated as statutory Green Belt in the current Development Plan. NPPF confirms that such designation is intended to be permanent and only changed in exceptional circumstances. There has been no systematic and transparent analysis to review Green Belt boundaries in this part of the city to justify the removal of this site from Green Belt. There are no exceptional circumstances to justify a change in the Green Belt status of the site. On this basis, the Plan fails the test of soundness in relation to any justification for this Green Belt alteration and is inconsistent with NPPF which requires Green Belt boundaries to be permanent. The NPPF sets a high bar in terms of justifying alterations to Green Belt boundaries and the case for the re-designation of this site for housing development has not been justified in planning terms.

2. The sole case for building houses on the Tetley Field green belt appears to be based on the Commercial benefit accruing to the Caddick organisation overriding all planning regulations designed to protect Green Belt. Yet the threat by Caddick that he would not to develop the unrelated Headingley Stadium unless he is given planning permission for houses is, in my view, false. Caddick will develop the Headingley Stadium irrespective of the housing development if Headingley is of commercial benefit to Caddick. The threat that failure to develop Headingley may result in a loss of Test Cricket to Headingley would be a huge loss to Caddick, so if development is needed to prevent this, Caddick will invest in Headingley irrespective of any housing development.

As has been stated elsewhere the two sites are unrelated in planning terms, despite being owned by one Company. The Council should review their commercial reasoning for accepting the business claim being made by Caddick.

I strongly object to this housing development plan, AND to the apparent manner the Council has been influenced by an unrelated commercial development and an unfounded threat that Test Cricket could be removed from Headingley.

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