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Dear Leeds City Council

Re : HH2-41 Fields South of the A65, Horsforth roundabout to the  
Crematorium

HG2-42 Fields at Broadway and Calverley Lane

HG3-2 HG3-3 HG3-4 fields off A65 at Rawdon

I wish to register an objection to the proposal to zone these sites for housing development.

Leeds City Council has previously identified land between the A65 and the River Aire as

'Strategic Green Infrastructure' in its Core Policy Document and this has been approved by an independent inspector.

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) seeks to protect Green Belt so clearly it is recognized nationally and, previously, by Leeds City Council that this land should not be included in any proposals to build housing. The NPPF states that only in exceptional circumstances should local authorities consider using Green Belt for housing developments. No case has been made in these proposals for these sites to be considered exceptional circumstances.

Further to this Leeds City Council (LCC) has previously recognized that it is these very Green Belt areas that separate the built-up areas of Horsforth, Rodley, Calverley and Rawdon that allows each area to have an individual character and sense of identity. If LCC has previously identified this as a positive aspect of the area why then are they seeking to destroy the individual identities of these communities with an unrestricted sprawl of a large built up area?

As a resident I value these Green Belt areas for the flora and fauna that I enjoy on my regular walks through the area, especially as a member of the local 'Healthy Walking' group. This group numbers over 60 members and regularly use the footpaths in this Green Belt area for exercise. Walking through housing developments does not instil the same feeling of well-being as walking through Green Belt.

I am also concerned about the loss of mature trees that will be a result of the proposed development. LCC has consistently issued Tree Preservation Orders on mature trees in this area in order to prevent their removal. I know this to be true as, happily for me, the trees on my property are subject to a tree preservation order. These trees are the start of many food chains and the loss of a single mature tree results in the loss of food and nest sites for many invertebrate and vertebrate species. Nor can LCC argue that 'trees will be protected'; previous experience demonstrates that this does not happen in reality.

My other objection to this proposal is that it will severely effect my business. As a bee farmer I have two apiaries in the areas listed. Building houses on these apiaries sites will mean that the honeybees have to be concentrated in other sites around the area. The destruction of habitat, especially the mature trees, will mean that the honeybee colonies will have less forage and so will be more likely to die – from both starvation but also from disease as weak bees cannot defend themselves against disease as well as healthy bees.

LCC has consistently encouraged beekeeping through its support for Leeds Beekeepers Association based at Temple Newsam Home Farm. I hope that it will

continue its support by NOT destroying habitat on this side of Leeds.

What is true for honeybees is also true for all of the other pollinator species. It can be argued that these housing proposals are analogous to rainforest destruction in other countries. I do not wish to live in a city that is roads, housing, concrete, tarmac and manicured parks – I want some wildlife and trees to gladden my heart and keep me smiling.

Yours faithfully



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