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### **Re: Objection to Site HG2-10 (1221) Gill Lane**

Firstly I am disappointed that the local community has not been properly consulted about the proposed plan to build 155 houses on this Green Belt land. It feels like Leeds City Council is trying to pass the development without a full consultation. A lot of people are unaware of this and other proposals and when I visited one of the 'consultation' meetings it was very confusing and difficult to retrieve information. I was unable to speak to a representative from the Council as there were so many others trying to do the same thing.

The proposal to include this and other Green Belt sites in the Local plan is NOT consistent with the National policy. This site (HG2-10) is Green belt land which I understand can only be built on "in exceptional circumstances" as per the National Planning Policy Framework. I am unaware of the 'exceptional circumstances' other than Leeds City Council trying to achieve their target of 70,000 houses by 2028. This target was based on, now out of date statistics and will only be reviewed again in 3 years – by which time it will be far too late as the green fields will already be built on. Surely there are no 'exceptional circumstances' when there are brownfield sites available locally.

It also appears there has been no collaboration or co-operation with the Bradford authority as they too are trying to build homes very close to the Leeds/Bradford border on Green Belt land. These developments should be taken into account as they are less than ½ mile away from this site.

This green field site has its own natural habitat for the local wildlife and minibeasts (see photo attached). It has a small stream running through the centre and is a fantastic hunting ground for birds including Owls, Woodpeckers and Red Kites. There are also many unusual trees which have stood on the land for many, many years. Surely this plot of agricultural land should actually be part of the conservation area it is adjacent to.

A few years ago Green belt land was used next to this site at the bottom of Greenlea Close, to build 30 houses. The developers had no regard for residents or the environment. They built houses which were sold for in excess of £200,000 – nothing like the 'affordable housing' which is in great need. During the build, a preservation order tree, which was in the way, was felled.

In these 30 homes I know of at least 12 children who attend the local schools. If a similar ratio calculation was applied to the 155 homes proposed to be built on this land then a possible 50 children would be looking for a school place. The 3

local primary schools are already full to capacity and some children already have to travel out of the area to attend school. So where will these additional children be accommodated? Where are the new schools to be built? There is certainly nowhere obvious in the planning to build new schools.

I am a parent Governor at Rawdon Littlemoor Primary school and the Head teacher asks the governing body each year to increase school class sizes. I think we owe it to our children to receive a proper education from well trained teachers and it is unfair to expect them to receive this with over 30 children to a class.

Of course along with more houses come additional vehicles. Since the 30 houses were built at the bottom of the Close I have noticed an increase in traffic in our quiet residential area. The proposed 155 houses would bring new people into the area with their vehicles. Therefore, along with the other 1000+ homes proposed to be built in the Aireborough area it could mean well over 1000 additional vehicles in this area alone (not including Bradford's developments).

The current infrastructure already has difficulty coping with the vehicles on the road. Most days the traffic is slow moving along the A65, especially during the weekend. My son travels into Leeds daily on the bus which already takes over an hour during rush hour – how long will it take with these additional vehicles? There appears to be no future improvements for this massive growth in traffic.

I was lucky enough to fly over the site recently (see attached photo) How wonderful it was to see this little oasis of green. We owe it to future generations and the wildlife to keep our Green Belt and use brownfield sites for developments to prevent urban sprawl.

Should there be any other hearings in the future regarding this piece of land I would like to be informed so that I can attend.

Yours Faithfully

Mrs Clare Jones