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To: [Site Allocations Plan](#)
Subject: PDE01648_Objection to Development - Sites HG 2-5, HG 2-6
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Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing to object to the proposals to develop the above sites.

I have been a resident of Guiseley since birth, 42 years ago. In that time I have seen almost all the local industry be converted into homes. Greenwoods, Busfields, Silver Cross, partial Moon's, Crompton Parkinson, - to name but a few local companies - have all been transformed into housing over the last 20 years with no significant development of the local housing-related infrastructure. As industry has turned into housing, people have needed to commute elsewhere, thereby further burdening the road network. The result has been that Guiseley is now regularly gridlocked, the schools can't cope and are being extended and rejigged on an ad hoc basis, and Guiseley compared with the quiet place it was 20 years ago has become a significantly less pleasant place to live.

The latest plans to develop the area will further increase this burden on the local infrastructure particularly on the road network but also on schooling. It will also make the town even less pleasant for its residents. I am a resident of Silverdale Avenue near where the above sites are being planned. Silverdale Avenue is accessed from Park Road, which usually holds a long queue of cars, making the access in and out of Silverdale Avenue problematic. Once on Silverdale Avenue, the access along the first part is difficult due to the number of parked cars on the original section of the road. Adding houses further onto the estate will worsen this problem.

The Coach Road sites are currently Greenbelt. This should be protected in line with the National Planning Policy Framework. Brownfield sites should therefore be developed first - this is not the case. Greenbelt should be protected unless in exceptional circumstances - this is not the case. Community identity should be preserved - this has already been lost over the last 20 years (see above), this will be further worsened, the outskirts of Guiseley are gradually joining up with Yeadon (which has been developed towards Guiseley on the edge of Silverdale). Additionally, the character of the area to the Guiseley end of the ancient Esholt Woods will also be lost along with the destruction of the natural views.

Best regards,

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