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Dear Sir/Madam,

With reference to the sites mentioned below I wish to object to any future housing development.

HG2-4 Hollins Hill and Hawkstone Avenue, Guiseley.

HG2-5 Coach Rd, Guiseley.

HG2-41 Fields off A65 between Horsforth and Rawdon.

HG2-42 Fields off Calverley Lane, Horsforth.

HG2-43 Horsforth College Campus.

Reasons for objection,

Brownfield sites should be developed inline with NPPF and not greenbelt land.

Increasing housing stock along the A65 corridor without first developing satisfactory transport infrastructure would be highly damaging for the area. It is widely accepted by residents and Leeds City Council as already too congested. At a time when the government is trying to reduce emissions and pollution putting increased pressure on an already congested route, not what I would call good planning. Without a full workable transport scheme any further volume housing development along the A65 should be rejected.

As early as 2005 Leeds City Council had identified the A65 as over capacity. Since

then further housing developments have been completed adding to congestion. Further studies in 2007 also show the problem. A comprehensive study into the problem done by MET in 2012 again highlights the problem of adding more housing development. While some improvements to bus lanes along Kirkstall Rd may have helped a short section, the bus does not offer a convincing alternative for longer peak time commutes. Without huge road upgrades this will not improve, something that is not easily achievable along the A65.

Increasing peak time train capacity is unlikely due to restrictive platform lengths along the Ilkley line. Increased train use would also mean increasing car parking capacity around the stations.

While I accept the need for increased housing the Leeds Planning department should be looking to areas that can have a supporting infrastructure developed to withstand increased capacity. With the level of housing needed it would make more sense to build a new town with the required schools places, connections to good roads, medical facility etc rather than completely gridlock existing areas and adversely affect the life of residents.

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