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To: [Site Allocations Plan](#)
Subject: PDE01673_LEEDS SITE ALLOCATION PLAN-- FORMAL OBJECTION
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Dear Sir/Madam

As part of the Leeds Site Allocation Plan public consultation process I would like to formally object to the proposed development of the following sites;
HG2-5 (1180A- 1311A – 2163A) LAND OFF COACH ROAD GUISELEY.

I believe that these sites are not consistent with the national policy, specifically with regard to Green Belt. Part of this site lies within the Guiseley Conservation Area and the remainder adjoins its boundary ; consequently I don't think the development of these sites is justified. These beautiful green fields form a buffer between Guiseley and Bradford and I think Leeds should be maintaining this .

The fields and open green spaces are essential to well-being ; many runners, walkers and horse riders use the public footpaths and bridleways through these fields and the variety of wild life and ancient trees could be lost forever with this development. These sites should therefore continue to be part of Leeds' 'Strategic Green Infrastructure ' as identified in the Adopted Core Strategy.

Development and Infrastructure requirements must be considered side by side. The roads in Guiseley and Aireborough as a whole, struggle to cope with current demands. Recently, a member of Leeds' City Council appeared on television and spoke about the A65 being one of the most congested roads in Leeds. I have lived in this area for over 50 years and the only major improvement to this road in Guiseley has been to add extra traffic lights, pedestrian crossings and create a gyratory system. The latter has resulted in Park Road, a comparatively quiet road 20 years ago, becoming just as gridlocked as the A65. To access the Silverdale estate, Park Road has to be used and the fact that few of the older houses at the narrow end of Silverdale Avenue have off road parking means there is currently great congestion at times trying to get both in and off the estate. Building more houses would only cause more traffic queues on Park Road and lead to greater air pollution.

Coach Road is an unadopted road and therefore unsuitable as vehicular access. It has been used by runners, walkers and horse riders for a long time to access Spring Woods. It is also being used more frequently by cyclists since the creation of the Aireborough Greenway Cycle Route . These leisure pursuits would all be impacted upon if the development went ahead.

Currently the city has no current plans to solve the traffic problems of Guiseley. Many people who live in Guiseley do not work in Guiseley. If

more houses were built it would only become more congested. Although there is a regular train service to Ilkley, Bradford & Leeds, the latter train service struggles to cope at peak times .

Areas designated as Green Belt should not be built on while there is a current supply of empty houses and Brownfield sites within the Leeds Area. Guiseley has had many Brownfield sites developed already, resulting in over 1500 new homes being built in recent years .This must be more than any other small town in Leeds. I also think that Leeds has over estimated the number of new houses needed and would like to know what they based this estimate on. I do not think we should allow the wishes of developers to be put before community needs. Once

our Green Fields have gone, they will be gone forever

Please keep me informed of the public examinations, submission of plans and potential outcome of the review as I would like to retain my right to attend and speak.

Yours faithfully
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