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To: [Site Allocations Plan](#); [Lewis, Cllr Richard](#)
Subject: PDE01724_Planning Objection Site Allocations Plan and Aire Valley Leeds Area Action Plan
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I wish to make a strong objection to proposed planning applications in North Leeds namely:

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I strongly object to the proposed green belt development. As the majority of brown field sites are not profitable for developers I feel plans to develop Green belt or green field sites will appeal on a financial basis. I think this goes against the governments own advice to protect green belt from housing development. I agree with the government advice that allowing planning permission on green belt/green field sites should only be passed under exceptional circumstances.

I have concerns on the figures suggested for development in Leeds. Having read that growth predictions for Leeds have been based on out of date information and there should be significantly less need than stated. Also the number of builds suggested seems to be a higher quota than other areas of the country. This should be revisited as a matter of priority and a full enquiry undertaken.

I believe the number of houses proposed has so far shown little regard for public infrastructure firstly roads;

There are two main corridors for traffic congestion one over Horsforth roundabout along the ring road, secondly the Headingley A65 route from Bramhope into Leeds. The increase numbers of vehicles to these routes would be significant and make already heavily congested routes a nightmare. Our public transport is not upto date and fit for purpose with current numbers. Trains are over filled, buses expensive and subject to further cuts. Side roads and rat runs are dangerous to pedestrians and the whole transport infrastructure has not been kept upto date and meeting current need.

Services and amenities are not sufficient to support the number of residents currently living in the area. School places are not sufficient, doctors, dentists, shops, community

facilities, parking. Post offices, libraries, police and fire stations are all being cut.

As fewer facilities are available the congestion around the remaining facilities is increased.

Conservation and the environment will be hugely affected by these proposals and the whole landscape will suffer. I walk along many footpaths and see a variety of wildlife including deer, small mammals, birds and insects. The land includes trees and natural habitat for our wildlife. This should be protected at all costs.

In conclusion I do not believe this development will protect or enhance the area, but will be of detriment to the environment, the transport system. Leeds is already over populated for the amenities available in the area. I am hugely against developments on greenfield sites there are opportunities to develop brownfield sites but often not an attractive financial proposition for developers. I also feel the proposed number of developments should be reconsidered on current data.

Yours sincerely

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