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To: [Site Allocations Plan](#)
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Comments on the soundness of plans for development for site HG2 - 17 (1080 & 3367A) within Leeds Site Allocation Plan

I would like to state that I do not agree with the development for housing on the following grounds:

- The current primary school serving the local area is already significantly oversubscribed with some children having to travel out of the area to other schools. The numbers of children involved if the planned development goes ahead would require the building of a new school to be in operation ready to accept children of the new residents in the first phase. If this was not achieved it could result in many families having young children attending primary schools outside of their local area or even having children from the same family attending different primary schools. It is not enough to simply state, "Part of the site should be retained for provision of a school"
- The effect of an increase in more pupils attending the current primary school and eventual attendance at the proposed new school would add considerably to the already badly congested areas around school during start and finish times and depending on where any new school was sited, could add to further traffic queues waiting to enter the already extremely busy A660.
- Traffic from the village uses Breary Lane to access the airport road, which is the key route for journeys to Bradford, Guiseley, Menston, Shipley and other local towns and villages. This small, winding link road is extremely difficult to negotiate as parked cars on one side of the road often make it a single lane road with limited, and in some cases no, line of sight. Increased use of Breary Lane will be extremely dangerous.
- There is already insufficient parking in the village for residents accessing local shops. The areas around the chemist,

newspaper shop and local estate agent, are already severely congested - with some residents resorting to parking in unsuitable places - because of the lack of safe and accessible parking space.

- Additionally, parking for the local health services is also inadequate and presumably an extension or new facilities with appropriate parking will need to be built to provide for such a substantial increase in the number of new residents. Where will that be built and could safe access be assured that would not impact adversely on nearby residents or businesses? There is no mention of any additional health provision in the plan.
- The A660 is an extremely busy road at most times, but particularly so during peak times, and joining it from any of the minor roads is slow. Joining it when you have to cut across a lane of traffic first is very difficult as sufficiently large gaps in traffic to enter safely are rare. Delay results in a long queue of irritated drivers behind, necessity enforces a quick and potentially risky decision to proceed. The volume of traffic from an additional 376 houses, many of which are likely to be 2 car households will only add to the already unsatisfactory position.
- There is likely to be insufficient provision of public transport to support the expected increase in population of the village. There is currently one bus which serves residents using the A660. There is no bus or cycle lane. Additional buses will add to the congestion and increase the level of danger due to overtaking. Widening the road to accommodate an effective bus lane would be an extremely costly undertaking and there is no mention of this being considered in the plan. I understand there is the possibility of a trolleybus service being provided as part of the New Generation Scheme with plans for bidders being selected in 2016. Four bidders were approved for Supertram in 2002 yet the scheme was eventually cancelled 5 years later. The hope of future improved infrastructure is not enough to support such a major development.

I therefore consider this plan is not sound according to the following tests:

Positively Prepared

It does not take into account the impact on infrastructure.

Effective

The necessary infrastructure is not in place and the anticipated increase in the number of residents will adversely affect already

congested roads with regard to public transport and local traffic using local facilities.

Consistent with national policy

The above tests have not been met. The planned development is not sustainable and will have a negative impact on the safety of Bramhope residents of all ages.

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I do not wish to take part in the Public Inquiry but nominate Councillor Barry Anderson to act as my representative