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**To:** [Site Allocations Plan](#)  
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Dear Sir,

I am writing to express our concerns at the proposed housing allocation directly across the river from Rodley Nature Reserve for 69 dwellings at Airedale Mills – Site Reference HG2-58. The site lies between and very close to both the Leeds-Liverpool Canal and the River Aire and is located within an important wildlife corridor. Both the canal and river support large wildlife populations including otters and over recent months there have been signs that water voles are returning. Building properties so close to both water bodies would be detrimental to these and other species which rely on this corridor.

We already have enough damage to the wildlife corridor in the valley thanks to the recent large development on the old Clariant site a little way upstream and the huge proposed site at the Strawberry Fields – Site reference HG2-41 –the two together effectively blocking the wildlife corridor on the north side of the valley. Rodley Nature Reserve risks becoming an isolated oasis for wildlife if there is further extensive development in this part of the Aire Valley.

Yours faithfully,

Peter Murphy

Secretary

Rodley Nature Reserve Trust