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To: [Site Allocations Plan](#)
Cc: [Stuart Andrew.MP](#)
Subject: PDE01842_Leeds site allocation plans
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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:

HG2-41 (4240)- Fields South of A65 from Horsforth & Rawdon RA to crematorium

HG2-42 (1016)- Fields at Broadway & Calverley Lane, Horsforth

HG2-43 (5009)- Fields at Horsforth College Campus.

Each of these sites are close to my home, a home largely chosen for its location adjacent to the greenbelt protected land so that me and my family can enjoy living in a small town that has the wonderful bonus of open spaces for people to use and enjoy. Any building work on these areas will have a detrimental and negative impact on our standard of living and should be excluded from the plans.

I consider your proposals are inconsistent with the National Planning Policy Framework; there are no exceptional circumstances for the greenbelt to be built upon and the NPPF states greenbelt is to be protected. Indeed the NPPF states brownfield sites are to be prioritised over the development of greenfield and greenbelt sites.

The NPPF also states that infrastructure should come first yet but no plans or specific time scales for this are in place. In particular the schools in Horsforth were already oversubscribed before the properties at Horsforth Vale were built and this has required extensions to schools and amendments to year intakes. Where are the plans, proposed sites for additional schools?

There will be a negative impact on Highway Safety and Traffic. Each of the three sites are adjacent to the Ring Road and/or the A65. This section of road is already extremely busy and becomes gridlocked at the morning and evening commuter times, even after the recent completion of the traffic control system. Adding a further 1,000 houses will further exacerbate the situation.

In addition there is a lack of conservation of the natural environment. The greenbelt provides a home to many wild animals. During the summer months my children love to see the bats at dusk flying through our garden to the fields and they have also seen deer crossing the Ring Road. This is part of our children's education, to see wildlife and appreciate it.

The plan is also inconsistent with Leeds Development Plan Policies; the sites listed above command property prices in excess of £300,000 as shown by the allowed development at Horsforth Vale. Your policy is for large scale affordable housing and single owner properties but this policy will not be met by developing greenfield sites in these areas. Your policy requires renewal of brownfield sites requiring regeneration.

The housing target also requires reassessment. It is based on out dated figures and has to be brought in line with the latest 2014 figures from the Office of National Statistics. No site allocation plans can be progressed until this is completed.

Finally I consider the consultation process to be unsuitable. Information on your website is hard to find and there has been no correspondence from yourselves to householders to make them fully aware of your plans and to invite a response.

On these grounds I hope you will act on our behalf and reject the progression of these greenbelt sites within the development proposals. Please keep me informed of the potential outcome of the review.

Yours faithfully,

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