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To: [Site Allocations Plan](#)
Subject: PDE01852_Leeds site allocation plan
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am contacting you to express my wholehearted disagreement with the proposed Leeds site allocation plan with reference to the site HG2-1 (3026) New Birks Farm, Ings Lane Guiseley. I do not consider this Leeds site allocation to be sound.

I have lived in the house I live in now on Bradford Road in Menston for all of my life (the house was previously my Parents and I bought it from them to live in with my own family 9 years ago).

The stretch of road in front of my house - the A65 has always been a busy road, but in recent years, particularly since the large housing development on the old Highroyds site, it has become seriously congested. Getting out of my driveway onto the road can take many, many minutes and is frankly dangerous in rush hour traffic.

I live close to the boundary between Guiseley and Menston but have always considered myself a resident of Menston. With your proposed plans for the houses on the site on Ings Lane, the boundary between the two places becomes even murkier than it already is. Menston is a village and Guiseley is a small town, but as all of these houses continue to be thrown up, we are soon going to be left with one large town, except with inferior facilities - nowhere near enough schools; parking spaces for the train station; and don't even get me started with the Doctors, which is already virtually impossible to get an appointment at within 1 week of contacting them.

The view from the back of my house is of green fields and that is the way I like it. 'Green belt' is just that GREEN and not as far as I am aware, supposed to be looked at for houses until you have exhausted all brown belt sites, which is not what has happened here.

My final comment would be regarding the beck that runs under Bradford Road and acts as the boundary between Menston and Guiseley. My children love going to look in here in the field across from the BP garage. We have seen crayfish in the water but I know that there have been problems with the water being contaminated with sewage due to the poor state of sewers in the area. More houses would surely put this delicate eco system under still more pressure, and any wildlife living there will soon be a thing of the past.

I hope you will look again at the options locally for housing, if indeed we do even need any more houses in the immediate area, and find somewhere much more suitable than this.

Regards, Emma Stoney

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