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**To:** [Site Allocations Plan](#)  
**Subject:** PDE01893\_Objection to planning: Site HG2-10 (1221) Gill Lane  
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Re: Site HG2-10 (1221) Gill Lane

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Dear Sir/Madam

I'm writing on behalf of myself and my husband Martin Elsworth regarding the plans to build 155 houses on the A65/ Gill Lane greenbelt fields.

We strongly object to these plans and are deeply concerned about the detrimental impact it would have on our local community if planning permission were given.

Although we live in a new build home on Greenlea Close, and we understand the issue regarding the need for more homes to be built to accommodate our growing population, we feel these plans are ill thought through and will push the already teetering transport infrastructure, schools and health care centres to breaking point. Below we outline in more detail our reasons for objecting to these plans.

1. The A65 is already at a standstill from the Horsforth roundabout right through Guiseley towards Ilkley. The traffic congestion is not just a problem in rush hour, it is constantly busy with shoppers visiting the retail park, residents going in and out of the Westfield estate, the old Aireborough Grammar School site and the old Lee Mills site. Adding 155 homes in this area will add at least 310 cars to an already struggling infrastructure. As a train commuter I'm well aware of the new station at Apperley Bridge (I'm waiting impatiently for it to open). However I don't believe this station will relieve the traffic chaos around this site. It will simply shift hundreds of Guiseley passengers (like me) to drive towards Apperley Bridge instead in the hope of finding a parking space and a seat on the train. This station also has to accommodate residents within the Apperley Bridge/Greengates area. It is difficult to see how any associated junction improvements could possibly improve the situation when the A65 is already at capacity.

2. All the primary schools in this area are oversubscribed already but more houses would bring more families and more demand for school places, which cannot be accommodated. You may say that the children will be locals and would have been applying for a place in one of these schools. We know as fact this is not true. The majority of the families living in the new builds on our street came from outside LS19 and LS18.

3. As with the schools, we also have doctors and dentists that are full to bursting. I have to go to the dentist in Horsforth and my husband goes has to go to Otley as we could not get a place with

a dentist in Yeadon. We just cannot safely accommodate anymore families in this area.

4. The proposed plans are for greenbelt land, and approving the plans would make a total mockery of the greenbelt scheme. Either the land is worth preserving or it's not - and we firmly believe it is. The fields are currently used for farming and I'm not sure how the farmer would remain in employment without them. Moreover, these fields are a hub for all sorts of wildlife, including birds, bats, and owls etc. Building on this site would destroy their habitat which we believe is completely unacceptable.

Thank you for taking the time to read this email. I trust you will consider our objection to these plans.

Kind regards,

Michelle Elsworth.