

I am writing to express my concern regarding the site allocations process and to specifically object to the proposal to build on sites in Aireborough.

#### Procedural Objections

I do not believe the site allocation process has been properly carried out. The first and most central point is that the housing figure is grossly inflated and Leeds City Council has paid nothing but lip-service to the idea of reviewing it in light of more up to date statistical analysis. Similarly from day one Leeds City Council has failed in their obligation to properly consult with the communities that they serve. It has been left to local groups to alert residents to the proposal and the 2000 Aireborough residents who attended the most recent 'consultation' were there because of these groups. The fact that Leeds City Council provided no public advertisement of the 'consultation' and then resolutely removed any ad-hoc notices is evidence of their intent to obfuscate the consultation process. The fact that they were caught out by the strength of feeling in this area is evidenced by the fact that they ran out of feedback forms in the first hour of the Guiseley consultation. The event was poorly organised with very little accessible information and no clear identification of Council Staff.

#### Specific Objection HG2-10

##### Conservation Area

This is a site that arguably should be within the Nether Yeadon Conservation Area as everyone - including Historic England Leeds Civic Society Leeds City Council's own Conservation Officer and many local residents expressed to Leeds City Council. The only objections were from two property developers who - for some reason - managed to exert their influence. The reason this field should be within the Conservation Area is that it is an intrinsic part of a beautiful and historically significant part of Aireborough.

Despite the fact that it is not included in the boundary of the Conservation Area for Nether Yeadon the site directly adjoins it and any form of building will detrimentally affect this Conservation Site and effectively absorb it into the Westfield estate leading to urban sprawl. There are several listed buildings within the small hamlet of Nether Yeadon and some of these directly adjoin the proposed site. The council has an obligation to preserve these historically significant buildings to build 155 houses right next to them is a gross abdication of their responsibility.

##### Greenbelt

The green fields between the Nether Yeadon Conservation Area and Westfield serve as a hugely significant patch of Greenbelt. It prevents urban sprawl as identified above it prevents Guiseley and Nether Yeadon from effectively merging and it preserves the setting and special character of Nether Yeadon. To use this essential and scarce stretch of green field before brownfield sites have been fully regenerated is nothing short of scandalous and can only be motivated by greed and opportunism.

##### Infrastructure

The council has steadfastly refused to account for the impact of this level of building on the local transport links school provision doctors surgeries and employment. It is clear that insufficient analysis and planning has been undertaken for this size of development and to go ahead would be catastrophic for this area. The schools are full the roads are clogged the doctors surgeries are full and the jobs are miles away. For these same reasons I also object to HG1-1 HG1-2 HG1-3 HG2-1 HG2-2 HG2-3 HG2-12.

Yorkshire is a place to be proud of Nether Yeadon is a small jewel in the crown that is Yorkshire to destroy Nether Yeadon is to destroy a small but significant part of this beautiful county.