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**RE: LSAP & AVLAAP – FORMAL OBJECTIONS MADE DURING PUBLIC CONSULTATION.**

Dear Sir/Madam,

We wish to make you aware of our objections to the proposed developments on Greenfield sites listed below:

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

**HG2 -42 (1016) – Fields at Broadway and Calverley Lane Horsforth.**

**HG2 -41 (4240) – Fields south of A65 from Horsforth and Rawdon RA to crematorium.**

We have lived quite close to these sites for most of our lives and believe that these areas of protected greenbelt land will have a detrimental impact on the standard of living on our and everyone else's standard of living and well being and must be excluded from the plans. Our reasons for our objections are detailed below.

### **Inappropriate Consultation Process:**

We have found it extremely difficult to find any method of objecting to Leeds City Council's greenbelt development plan on their website. Surely this is not therefore a consultation?! We are only able to object on a field by field basis which is both obstructive and impractical and totally unfair. We were unaware that there had been a large scale meeting at the Civic Hall re any developments. We did not receive any information from the Council on this exhibition, heard nothing on local radio or TV so how were we supposed to know about it? Was the Council trying to keep it quiet on purpose we wonder?? It is highly annoying as all councilors are highly visible both in public, on TV and radio and with leaflets when they are up for re-election. Rather different on this occasion.

### **Inconsistent with Leeds Development Plan Policies:**

Perhaps one of our biggest objections is the lack of affordable housing these developments will provide. Current developments have a current average asking price of £300,000+, hardly affordable housing! We also know that there are currently at least 5000 empty houses in Leeds which are waiting to be renovated, which would provide excellent affordable housing. Why then is Leeds digging up green fields to allow unaffordable housing to be built while empty affordable houses stand empty? It is a disgrace and the council should be ashamed. This is not to mention all the empty mills and factories that could be developed which could provide both jobs and affordable housing. We were under the belief that the council was obligated to develop brown field sites before green field sites, which does not appear to happen in Leeds.

Infrastructure is also a major concern. Roads are discussed below but we have major concerns about the provision of schools, doctors and dentists. There is no guaranteed provision in the plans for any of these facilities and definitely no scheduled timetable for their completion or who would be responsible for their construction or provision. Schools in these areas are oversubscribed many times over and should have been a priority consideration for the council who appear to have overlooked it which is a great concern.

### **Negative Impact on Highway Safety and Traffic:**

Despite having spent millions of pounds 'improving' road junctions/roundabouts at both Rodley and Horsforth there continues to be a 'bottleneck' at these junctions at peak times with existing traffic levels. Adding thousands of houses and subsequent vehicles to these road systems will only increase the current issues, which could cause an increase in accidents and almost certainly cause gridlock on a daily basis. These roads are not big enough to handle current traffic levels and will definitely not cope with any increased traffic flow. The provision of extra train stations and the 'promised' trains will not ease this problem as many commuters will no doubt use these roads to get to the train stations. Commuters will not use buses as these will not be able to run to their timetables due to the rise in congestion on the roads. There is no way the roads can be widened to accommodate the increased traffic due to a canal bridge, a railway bridge and a river bridge.

## **Lack of Conservation of the Natural Environment and Landscape:**

All the above sites play a very important part in providing a natural habitat to many of our native wildlife species, some of which are protected namely badgers, bats and crested newts. There are also important owls and hawks and wild deer which regularly use the Leeds to Bradford Green Corridor. Many other less 'popular' species will perish if these developments go ahead as they are not recognized or commented on in the environmental impact assessments. The developments will cause isolated areas of habitat which will certainly lead to their demise. We were under the impression we were to encourage the younger generation to cherish and look after nature and wildlife; these developments would set a very poor example, wouldn't they? Definitely a case of do as I say, not as I do!!!!

The view across the site HG2-41(4240) is an iconic view of the area that many people have grown up with and love. It helps for a connection with the natural environment and the development will ruin it forever.

These are a few of our concerns relating to the above developments which we sincerely hope you will take into serious account and reject the progression of any development of greenbelt sites.

Yours faithfully,

Mr John and Mrs Pam Hunt.