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To: [Site Allocations Plan](#)
Subject: PDE01941_Leeds Site Allocation Plan - Housing Development in Horsforth
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Dear Sir

I write to present my objections to the proposed inclusion of the following sites in the Leeds City Council Site Allocation Plan for Housing in Horsforth.

The areas under consideration to which I am objecting are:

HG2-41 fields south of the A65, Horsforth roundabout to the Crematorium
HG2-41 fields at Broadway and Calverley Lane
HG2-43 fields at Horsforth College Campus
HG12-12 fields at Woodlands Drive

My objections are based on the environmental and social impact of this disproportionate amount of development in this area of Leeds.

The development of these sites would result in the loss of a large amount of Green Belt land on the north side of the Aire Valley. The proposal to include these sites is not consistent with the National Planning Policy Framework which seeks to protect Green Belt. Leeds City Council has already identified land between the A65 and the River Aire as "Strategic Green Infrastructure" in its Core Policy Document which has been approved by an independent inspector. The NPPF states that only under exceptional circumstances should local authorities consider using Green Belt for housing development. I do not accept that circumstances in this area are so exceptional that we must build on Green Belt Land.

These areas are important to my family and other residents for recreation, health and well being. We regularly use the footpaths which cross these areas ..it's great because we do not have to get into our cars to find access to open land. We see much wildlife including birds, and occasionally deer. We count ourselves fortunate to be able to do this.

The loss of these areas would adversely affect future generations in terms of recreation and the historical character of the area eg the largest 'plot'. HG2-41 cuts across Bar Lane an ancient and historic route into Horsforth. LCC Core Plan talks about the green belt giving the surrounding areas their character. We need to protect this character rather than cause the destruction of it.

The loss of these green space would destroy the 'green corridor' on the north side of the Aire Valley which would have a huge impact on the biodiversity of the area. In objecting I am asking you to recognise the wider benefits of green spaces, the ecosystem and to protect a valued landscape. The Core Plan talks about a need to plant more trees in Horsforth to replace older trees. Developing these sites would result in the removal of mature and middle aged trees.

The development of these sites would also have an effect on the traffic flow on the A65. This route is already acknowledged as being congested and a bottleneck. The impact of the cars from 1000 more houses could lead to dangerously congested roads and 'rat running' through residential areas close to schools. Current traffic surveys do not take into account possible developments in Bradford and Aireborough which would use the A65. I can find no evidence of LCC having any plans, policies or costings to improve the A65

It would also lead to urban sprawl between the 'villages' of Horsforth, Rawdon and Rodley. The NPFF talks about the aim of Green Belt is to prevent urban sprawl by keeping land permanently open, the essential characteristics of Green Belts are their openness and permanence. In seeking to develop this land LCC. Appears to be contradicting its Core Strategy Document, it will not be supporting the needs and wishes of the present generation and those of the future.

Yours sincerely

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