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Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to the Site Allocations Plan in particular the Horsforth/Rawdon/Aireborough region

I wrote to the Leeds City Council (LCC) earlier this year in relation to the site 3029, Wills Gill. In 2014 this site was classed as unsuitable for housing development and then in early 2015 its status was changed to suitable. Why? As yet the council have NOT provided any reasons/answers as to why it's status was changed.

Leeds City Council has chosen to simply ignore several key factors in their survey of site 3029:

- The site is wet grassland and as such is a huge micro climate with a high content of flora and fauna - I believe LCC allocated it a zero rating
- The site borders the Guiseley Conservation Area and takes no account of the historic Tofts & Crofts
- Any development in the Aireborough region will absolutely cripple the already chronic and over crowded **A65** from Menston the Horsforth. Many commuters simply cannot use public transport so do not have this option. Over the past ten years there has been very little investment in the road network in this area so the current congestion levels and state of the roads are dire.
(The Horsforth roundabout improvements have done absolutely nothing to ease the easterly bound traffic and the traffic light priorities are wrong)
- Any development in this area will simply merge Guiseley and Yeadon - it is urban sprawl out of control and LCC are totally to blame! We need our Greenbelt to prevent urban sprawl, simple as!
- LCC claim that any further development will preserve or enhance the existing character - this is ridiculous claim and is totally unfounded
- The proposed housing developments in and around Horsforth/Rawdon/Guiseley are simply too much for the existing infrastructure and services to cope with. For example HG2-41 with a proposed capacity of 777 units - this equates to circa 2,500 people and 1500 cars to hit an already horrendous bottleneck.

My message is 'Aireborough is full to the brim' and I totally object to the current SAP. I appreciate Leeds needs continued investment but surely LCC can look at the bigger picture and move towards a more balanced distribution of housing.

Yours faithfully

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