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Dear Sir/Madam

**What is happening to our "Green and pleasant land"?**

The city of Leeds is one of the north's most successful cities and I appreciate that more housing is required to accommodate its growth. However this must NOT be at the cost of our beautiful open green spaces. Green belt, as stated by the Government must only be considered for building in exceptional circumstances. All brownfield sites should be built on before even considering greenfield and green belt. It is very disconcerting that some green belt land has been 'quietly' demoted to green field, for example site 3029, Wills Gill at Guiseley.

Sites hg2-42, hg2-43, hg2-12, hg3-2, hg3-3 and hg3-4 are all in green belt and apart from the crematorium join Rawdon and Horsforth. Such a large development would cause the A65, which is on overload now, to become gridlocked at peak times.

My next door neighbour has recently moved to Meanwood, much closer to his place of work, because his commute time on the A65 has trebled in the last few years.

The area between Leeds, Ilkley and Harrogate is referred to by estate agents as "the golden triangle", property realising very high prices. Builders therefore are very keen to build in the area to achieve maximum profit. The majority of houses that have been built and are planned are 4/5 bedroom properties. Certainly not first time buyer homes, which the Government says are needed.

I believe that there should be more inner city regeneration. There are also less populated areas with good transport links to Leeds e.g Micklefield and Church Fenton. With a train station and good road links to Leeds and York e.g the dual carriage way A63 from the M1 to the A61 which is so under utilized. The MOD has recently sold the airfield at Church Fenton, pity it wasn't sold for building development.

Leeds City Council must look at other sites to make a more balanced distribution of housing. Aireborough and Horsforth will become one large housing estate, contravening all five of the NPPF and Leeds Core Strategy purposes for green belt.

Yours sincerely

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