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Hi,

I write with regard to '**The Leeds Site Allocation Plan**'. The section of the plan I'm commenting on is '**HG2-1 (3026) New Birks Farm Ings lane Guiseley**'.

My details

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Firstly I **disagree** with the proposed use of this site for housing. I do not consider the Leeds Site Allocation Plan to be sound, this is because:

1) The plan is not justified

Leeds council have not done a comprehensive Green Belt Review as was asked for by the Inspector of the Core Strategy. They have only reviewed Green Belt Sites which were selected for development.

They have not involved communities in the drawing up of their plans

For each site Leeds have done a sustainability appraisal where they have researched how each will impact on the community and how residents will access amenities. They include no transport reviews or ecology reports which are two main points many people are concerned about and contain mistakes due to lack of research.

2) The plan is not Positively prepared

There are not enough facilities to cope with the number of houses proposed in Aireborough

The A65 is very congested already, with most days having significant traffic jams. local trips and pick-ups become a long protracted exercises.

I commute by train to Leeds which is better than the A65, but its standing room only, and soon I predict passengers will be left behind at Guiseley station.

No real assessment has been done on the access to each site or the extra traffic it will create.

Doctors and dentists can only just cope. I have a baby daughter and getting a 'proper' same day appointment is almost impossible.

There is no plan as to how to resolve the above issues.

3) The Plan is not effective

It would appear that Leeds and Bradford are not collaborating when planning where housing is planned in terms of roads and traffic congestion. Developments in Mention, Burley and Apperley Bridge will all impact the A65 but not enough consideration is given to this.

4) Ings Site

With regards to the Ings Site itself, I think its important that we restrict the sprawl of large built up areas. More houses on the Ings will merge Guiseley with Mention, and more countryside will be gone forever. The Ings is lovely part of guiseley that should be preserved. I don't understand why we can't use more brown belt sites. There are lots of these in other neighbouring areas.

The site is in active economic use, is Grade3 agricultural land and there is a well

trodden footpath that my family use.

The site is identified in the Leeds Habitat Network and is home to diverse fauna.

The plan i don't believe is legally compliant:

Leeds City Council have not fulfilled their duty of Community involvement

Leeds City Council have not fulfilled their duty to cooperate

Going Forward

Would it not be better to reduce the proposal from 70,000 houses to 44,000, and start by looking at all brown field sites first. I live on an old brownfield site, and this is the most logical way to go.

I would also ask to be resent at the Inspectors hearing .

Kind Regards

Jon White