

**From:**  
**To:** [Site Allocations Plan](#)  
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Dear Leeds city council,

I am writing to you today to raise my objection against the proposal for housing on site HG2-173, Rothwell Haighside site. I think its inclusion in the site allocations plan, leaves the plan unsound. I am a resident of 43 Castle Lodge Way, directly adjacent to the Haighside site and can see several issues with the proposal

1. There is already significant traffic congestion during office rush hours as local residents access Leeds city centre and the surrounding motorway networks. The additional of 578 homes will move this issue from challenging to completely unmanageable. Local residents will face significant delays and no doubt create even more 'rat runs' through surrounding estates as residents try to find alternative routes to work. I am particularly concerned that this traffic impact will interrupt local school buses and leave local children with difficult and unnecessarily long journeys to local secondary schools.
2. Schooling itself is already insufficient. As a resident of a pre-school child, I have no confidence that my son will be able to access primary school facilities in the area that we actually live in. There is already a shortage of primary school places for children on our estate. The addition of 578 more houses, the subsequent families and their children will mean we and our children are forced out of the area.
3. Local facilities and services are already stretched and could not accommodate a further 578 houses and families. Dentists and doctors in the area are refusing to take new patients, how will we access healthcare with another 578 families impacting the situation.
4. As one of the houses with clear view of the Haighside site I am not only concerned for the impact on my family, health, school places and our commute to work but for the destruction of a significant area of green belt land, woodland and resident bat population. The bats fly into our garden throughout the summer months. As a house on the edge of the residential development we can clearly see that the bats avoid the buildings and population, living on the open fields and woodlands. If this environment is destroyed the bats home will be removed. I'm certain that bats are one of many animals living on the Haigh side site, hundreds more would surely be killed with the destruction of their habit. We cannot allow an area of diverse ecology to be destroyed without clear alternatives for rehoming the resident wildlife.
5. Finally I do not understand why Leeds City council are putting forward a proposal that I believe is unsound. There are a large number of electricity pylons running across the Farm, these pylons will have constraints on any development proposal and could result in the SAP becoming ineffective in delivering the housing requirements in the Outer south HMCA. I understand there are better alternatives in very close proximity that would offer much more appropriate solutions for the whole community. Hope Farm, a rejected site, should be reconsidered in place of Haighside site, it could deliver the appropriate number of dwellings plus a school to alleviate school place shortages.

Please can you let me know your response to the objections I have raised. I urge you to remove Haighside site from the SAP and instead include the proposed Hope Farm site.

Many thanks  
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