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To: [Site Allocations Plan](#)
Subject: PDE02161_Objection to building on HG2-4 SITE 4020 (hawkstone Avenue/Hollins Hill, Guiseley)
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My name is Patrick Fordham, 72 Hawkstone Avenue, Guiseley.

I wish to object to the proposal to build on the Green Belt land which is to the rear of my home, which I understand is designated in the 2006 UDP as Special Landscape Area.

Building 80 houses on what is currently a working farm, in this location, is the very worst form of urban sprawl, and would ruin this special landscape. It would greatly reduce the quality of life for the residents of Hawkstone Avenue, Park Lane and Park Road, with a substantial increase in noise and traffic volumes.

When we moved to Hawkstone Avenue some years ago the attraction was the peace and quiet, and with Green Belt farmland adjoining our home we never envisaged that the council would even consider allowing development on this land. Due to the incline of the land it is also likely that the proposed new houses would overlook our home.

I lived in Guiseley as a boy, and after some time working away I returned to Guiseley 18 years ago. Since returning the town has grown substantially, with many brownfield sites being developed in addition to a great deal of "infilling". With sizeable developments on Netherfield Road, Back Lane, and of course at High Royds, there is already great pressure on the infrastructure of the town. Guiseley is now a traffic blackspot, with Park Road in particular being exceptionally busy at peak hours midweek, and often gridlocked on weekend mornings. With Guiseley school, Morrisons, and two retail parks all needing to be accessed via Park Road the traffic volumes are already severe. Building a further 80 homes, (with the additional 120 or so cars that would come with this), where the only feasible exit is via Park Lane or Hawkstone Avenue, will only exacerbate this problem.

In addition there is already a severe car parking problem in Guiseley. The railway station is popular with commuters to both Leeds and Bradford, but the station car parks, including the large car park on Netherfield Road, are full early each morning. Already Cavendish Road and the streets around the new development on Netherfield Road are congested with cars parked by people using the station. When new stations are opening at Apperley Bridge and Kirkstall Forge it makes no sense at all to be building further houses in a town where congestion is already severe. There are still huge swathes of undeveloped land close to both Leeds and Bradford centres. If additional homes are needed in the suburbs then surely creating new housing areas close to these new stations, where people can easily commute to work, would be preferable to building on Green Belt land adjacent to an already fully developed and congested town.

Thank you

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