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**To:** [Site Allocations Plan](#)  
**Cc:** [Collins, Cllr Dawn](#)  
**Subject:** PDE02163\_LDF Draft Consultation: future proposal to propose Green Belt development.  
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Dear LDF team,

As a long term resident of Horsforth, Leeds, I am writing to you to voice my concern and objection to the possible setting aside of green belt land for housing development. Particularly sites HG2-41 and HG2-43.

I understand the need to plan for future housing development and know that the demand for affordable housing is very under supplied. However, the above 2 sites concern me for a number of reasons.

- It is very unlikely that affordable housing will be built in these locations, due to the nature of the housing market in Horsforth as evidenced by the type of 4 and 5 bedroom housing currently been built on the old Clairiant brown field site at Calverley Bridge.
- This is valuable green belt land and development on these sites is not consistent with national policy. All brownfield sites should be exhausted before using green belt sites.
- The proposed sites are not within easy walking distance of any amenities and will encourage more car use. The improvements to the Horsforth roundabout have made little difference to congestion during rush hour, I know because I have used it for the past 25 years. Unless significant widening of the ring road between Horsforth and Rodley occur, involving bridging a valley, a river, canal and railway, I doubt you will ever resolve the increased congestion caused by up to 3000 more car journeys that the proposed extra housing in this area will cause.
- The proposal to set aside these sites for potential future development goes against the Leeds Core Strategy.
- Many people live in Horsforth due to its semi-rural setting. Development on greenfield sites will destroy natural habitat and lead to the possible devaluation of property in the area. I am a regular dog walker and cyclist and enjoy regular exercise in open fields and woods, that I can access within 5 minutes from my door step. I chose to live in an area that offered this benefit.

I am not completely against any development for the sake of it and understand that new housing, schools and residents help bring some jobs and prosperity into an area. But in the case of the above 2 sites, the current infrastructure will neither support additional traffic and will deprive Horsforth of ever decreasing green field sites. Once it's gone it is lost forever.

Please use this letter to register my objection to setting aside the above 2 sites for

possible future development.

Regards

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