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To: [Site Allocations Plan](#)
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Sirs,

I wish to comment on and object to the proposals as follows :

Sites HG2 - 15, 16 and 17. - the proposed housing density on each of these sites is excessive for the area in which they are situated and places an unreasonable and unfair burden on the infrastructure of the local community. The proposed densities, in units per hectare, are HG2 - 15, **27.3** u/ha ; HG2 - 16, **15.4** u/ha; HG2 - 17, **19.5** u/ha. Contrast this with **7.1** u/ha on the identified housing site HG2 - 25 in the same village, and with the proposed densities of **3.9** u/ha for site HG2 - 18, **3.5** u/ha for site HG2 - 51 and **7.5** u/ha for site HG2 - 49 - all of which sites lie closer to Leeds centre within the same transport corridor.

The size, scale and density of the proposals are out of character with the area, and the proposals should be considered unsound within the context of the Council's core strategy inasmuch as its scale does not respect Bramhope's size or sustainability. The Core Strategy states that the major development should take place within the main urban area, yet the figures above show that sites within the main urban area are being allocated much lower densities. This is wrong. The proposals do not enhance Bramhope's identity nor its character - rather, they destroy it.

Sites HG2 -15 and HG2 - 16 are almost entirely on greenbelt land.

Site HG2 - 17 is over 20% greenbelt and the remainder is green space. Brownfield sites should be developed before any green land is considered for development, particularly when new figures show that Leeds Council's original estimate of the number of housing units required is substantially too high.

The A660 into Leeds is already the most congested arterial road into the city. There is no nearby train service and the limited bus service is constrained by the same inadequate roads as private cars. It is unsafe to cycle along the A660, especially at busy times and in the dark, and there is no proposal to create a safe cycleway into the city centre. There is not even a continuous footpath between Bramhope and Adel which does not involve crossing from one side of the A660 to the other.

Thank you for considering my comments, and I trust that you will in due course reject all of these inadequately conceived proposals.

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