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Dear Leeds City Council,

We do not support the proposed building of 500 or more houses at the Haighside site (HG2-173) and believe it will cause major problems for our already overstretched local resources.

Born in the late 1970's we both lived in the Rothwell and Woodlesford areas as children and both Robin Hood and Rothwell together as adults. The number of housing estates that we have seen being built over the years is staggering with no new schools or doctors surgeries.

Here is a list of some of estates and streets that have been built that we can think of.

St Georges, Rothwell

Fairfields/Hopefields, Rothwell

Castlefields, Rothwell

Maltings, Robin Hood

Goldsmiths, Robin Hood

Rowans, Robin Hood

Meadowcroft, Lofthouse

Orchard Way, Rothwell

Glebe Court, Rothwell

Rosewood Court, John O Gaunts

Pymont/Fenton, Woodlesford

Juniper, Woodlesford

The Locks, Woodlesford

Oaklands/Lancet, Robin Hood

Linton Court, Rothwell

Woodlands, Rothwell

Albion St, Carlton

Shay fields, Carlton

Town St, Carlton

Fleet Lane, Oulton

Shelley Cres/Oulton Drive, Oulton

The Gateway, Rothwell

Arran Way, Rothwell

At the top of Sharp Lane, New Forest Way is a massive estate has recently been built and although not directly in our area it's not far and has also taken a hit on our local schools. There are also estates being built currently on Fleet Lane and Royds Lane.

All, these houses with no extra schools. The schools are already having issues with class sizes. Our community is struggling right now with the resources we have. Waiting days to see a GP, not enough places within schools for all our children and not to mention a really old out of date sports centre. I rang for almost a year to try and get my daughter swimming lessons. We use dentists outside of our community Leeds and Hunslet as we struggled to find one in Rothwell. Morrisons car park in the centre of Rothwell is always near full capacity.

We chose not to move away from Rothwell as we wanted to stay and bring our children up in the nice place that Rothwell was. If all it is to become is a massive suburbia then where is the nice in that? Where we live on Haighside Close, it is not far from the Woods and open space where you are proposing to build these houses. This will mean we can no longer go for a short stroll in the open fields. Where will the dog walkers go? It's too often we see dog faeces on the pavement as it is. We often go for a run from home and the thought of running round suburban streets and not seeing open fields is very sad.

We are also concerned about the wildlife in the Woods and bushes on this land.

Traffic is also really busy especially at rush hour. Cars queue from the end of Wood Lane down to Low Shops lane quite often. Once you get through the lights it's a slow moving journey all the way to Leeds. Stourton being a hotspot for congestion. It regularly takes an hour by bus or car from Rothwell to Leeds. John O'Gaunts and Middleton routes are also busy. It's also the same problem coming home from Leeds with a big queue up to the Leeds Rd/Wood Lane junction.

If the plans have to go ahead this is what we suggest.

At least one new school is required Primary/Junior.

Access should not be from Wood Lane or Low Shops Lane. It's too busy in this area already and would be very unfair to the residents of Low Shops bearing in mind that they had the St Georges estate built right next to them and those

houses are very close. The extra traffic on Low Shops would turn a nice quiet street into a traffic thoroughfare.

A major piece of open space not just a kids playground. The St Georges estate demonstrates this idea as there is a tree lined area at the front of the estate that is nice for residents and somewhere for children to play. This area we feel would be best in between the new houses and the existing two estates. It should be open enough for bushes and trees and have some conservation area for wildlife.

Easy access to the fields beyond for residents on St Georges and Haighside estates.

Consideration of alteration to the junction at Leeds Road/Wood Lane and all the way down to the Stourton roundabout.

Amenities are lacking in this area and it is already densely populated so maybe a few units could be incorporated into the new estate that could house a cafe, restaurant, doctors surgery or small shop. These should make a feature and have parking and be near the main road. There are pylons in the end field so maybe this could be something that could be incorporated into that area.

We really hope you consider an alternative and not the beautiful green spaces that we cherish around our houses. If you must use this land for housing please consider the residents who are settled and plan more resources at the same time.

Many thanks

Natalie and Steven Burton