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To: [Site Allocations Plan](#)
Subject: PDE02391_Response to Leeds Site Allocation Plan HG2-50 Church lane Paddock
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Dear Leeds City Council,

I am writing to express my objection to the allocation of Church Lane Paddock, Meanwood, as residential development in the Leeds Site Allocation Plan.

Firstly, I would like to say that I am concerned about the level of publicity surrounding the plan from the Council, as though I do read local press and tune into social media, I only heard about this from other local residents.

When I had a chance to look at the proposals, I object to the allocation on three main grounds:

- The paddock on Church Lane is one of the last pockets of open green space in Meanwood, which has experienced a great deal of development pressure in the last couple of decades. We are fortunate in Meanwood to have a park and woodland, but the paddock is different in its location in the heart of a residential area. It benefits both people and wildlife, the former from well documented health benefits and the latter which are suffering from fewer green stepping stones in their habitats.
- Pressure on local services, including highways and schools, is already at an unacceptable level. Traffic on Church lane is already too fast and too busy, and the only exits at Green Road, Parkside Road and from Tongue Lane onto the ring road can be a frustrating and at times dangerous experience. Adding to the traffic volume will surely have a negative impact on the safety of the cyclists, many young children and elderly residents, including those with mobility issues.
- Meanwood Church is a splendid listed building, and a new housing development at the potential scale allowed by the allocation plan, would do nothing for its setting.

Please allow Meanwood, its people and wildlife to retain its green space, and focus development on the areas of brownfield space that would benefit from positive development.

Best wishes
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