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To: [Site Allocations Plan](#)
Subject: PDE02526_Formal Objection to proposed development HG2-12 (4254) - Fields at Woodlands Drive
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Forward Planning & Implementation,
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RE: LEEDS SITE ALLOCATION PLANS - FORMAL OBJECTION

Dear Sir / Madam,

As part of the Leeds Site Allocation Plan public consultation process, I would like to formally object to the proposed development of the following Green Belt site:

HG2-12 (4254) – Fields at Woodlands Drive

It is my understanding that the proposed development site is NOT consistent with the National Planning Policy Framework, specifically with regard to protecting and preserving Green Belt. Leeds must continue to protect our Green Belt and greenfields for the benefit of current and future generations of residents and wildlife.

The site is a crucial part of the Green Belt in helping to check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas in this case expanding Horsforth along the A65 and is vital to prevent Horsforth from becoming linked to Rawdon and Rodley. The fields are very important to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment.

The fields are crucial in providing a protected habitat for wildlife and include an area of lowland mixed deciduous woodland in High Knott Wood a UK BAP priority habitat. Any development would also be detrimental to adjacent woodland habitats.

I believe that the site should continue to be part of Leeds' 'Strategic Green Infrastructure' as identified in the Adopted Core Strategy.

It is my understanding that the proposed development site is NOT consistent with the National Planning Policy Framework, specifically with regard to infrastructure as recent developments in the area have already created significant congestion problems along the A65 to Horsforth roundabout and further developments would significantly exacerbate the traffic problems. Knott Lane provides an exit from Rawdon Cemetery and from personal experience there are already problems in enabling funeral corteges to access and leave the A65 causing considerable distress to grieving families and friends and relatives.

There are significant surface water flood routes through the site and any development could have significant detrimental effect on nearby housing in the event of heavy flooding in the area.

In my opinion development and infrastructure requirements must be considered side by side.

I do not believe there are exceptional circumstances which justify building on this Green Belt land.

Please keep me informed of the public examinations, submission of the plans and potential outcome of the review as I would like to retain my right to attend and speak.
Yours faithfully,

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