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To: [Site Allocations Plan](#)
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Dear Leeds City Council

I do not support the proposed allocation of Haighside site, ref: HG2-173, we believe its inclusion in the site Allocations Plan renders the plan unsound.

The Haighside site is affected by electricity pylons which runs through the eastern portion of the site. As well as this there are water courses running through the site which would provide ecological constraints to any development. Both of these issues will have a significant effect on the number of dwellings which may be delivered, meaning the SAP will be ineffective in delivering the housing requirements in the housing requirements in the Outer South HMCA.

Development of the Haighside site would also reduce the important Green Belt gap between the settlements of Rothwell Robin Hood. It would also have an unacceptable impact on the existing community in terms of access to the site through the neighbouring estate.

To properly plan for development in this part of the District, Leeds City council should be allocating land where development will best deliver the housing an infrastructure we need in a way that is least environmentally affecting and where it can deliver benefits for the existing community. The infrastructure in this part of Rothwell is lacking; the mitigation needed to the local highway network for HG2 - 173 is undefined but absolutely necessary; it is stated as being reliant on NGT which hasn't yet been agreed and wont be delivered in time; and we don't have the local services in Rothwell to support a development of this scale, particularly schools.

However, I understand that the landowner of Hope Farm, Robin Hope has submitted his land as an alternative to the Haighside site and I would urge the council to consider this site as a more appropriate and viable option. As well as being able to deliver the appropriate number of dwellings required the Hope Farm site would also be able to deliver a school for the benefit of the whole local community.

Therefore, I urge the council to remove the Haighside site from the SAP and instead include the proposed Hope Farm site.

With kind regards

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