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Subject: PDE02652_Formal Objection to proposed development HG2-43 (5009) - Conservation area at Park Lane College
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LDF Publication Draft Consultation,
Forward Planning & Implementation,
Leonardo Building,
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RE: LEEDS SITE ALLOCATION PLANS - FORMAL OBJECTION
Date: 16/11/15

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:

HG2-43 (5009) – Conservation area at Park Lane College Campus, Horsforth

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 conservation areas for the benefit of current and future generations of residents and wildlife.

The site is a Conservation area and as such 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 across Broadway south of the A65. The fields provide a welcome scenic vista breaking up the heavily populated areas of Horsforth and Rawdon and are crucial to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment.

This site has considerable ecological importance as it lies within the River Aire corridor of land which brings biodiversity into the heart of Leeds and forms part of the Leeds Habitat Network. I regularly visit Swaine Wood for exercise and pleasure as this is an ancient woodland with excellent bluebell coverage. As well as the ancient woodland this site has lowland mixed deciduous woodland, hedgerows, native scrub, acid grassland (that is being positively managed by the Park Lane College Conservation Department) and a pond most of which are UK BAP Priority Habitats.

The scrub and grassland supports UK BAP bird species and a wide range of wildlife such as foxes, deer and other mammals.

The trees, scrub and grassland are crucial in providing a protected habitat for wildlife. 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 at Horsforth roundabout on the A65 and further developments would significantly exacerbate the traffic problems. 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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