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To: [Site Allocations Plan](#)
Subject: PDE02670_Formal Objection to proposed development HG2-41(4240) - Fields south of A65 from Horsforth roundabout
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LDF Publication Draft Consultation,
Forward Planning & Implementation,
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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:

HG2-41 (4240) – Fields south of A65 from Horsforth roundabout to Rawdon Crematorium

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 across the A65 and is vital to prevent Horsforth from becoming linked to Rawdon and Rodley. 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.

I have picked strawberries with my family in the fields for many years and it has become a keenly anticipated annual community social event ideal providing healthy exercise and social interactions.

The fields are crucial in providing a protected habitat for wildlife. Barn owls, bats foxes and deer have all been sighted in the fields and trees providing a rich experience of nature for visitors to the site and walkers on the nearby roads. There is an area of rough grassland near Rawdon Cemetery which protects the wildlife corridor provided by the Gill Beck (to the immediate west). There is also a significant tree belt and grassland area that runs north-south along Barr Lane. The eastern portion of the site contains a beck and valuable hedgerows with mature trees.

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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