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Dear Sir / Madam,

**RE: LEEDS SITE ALLOCATION PLANS - FORMAL OBJECTION**

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

- ***HG2-5 Coach Road***
- ***HG 2-6 Coach Road / Silverdale allotments***

As a local resident living close to the sites of proposed development, I believe the proposed developments on Green Belt protected land will have a serious negative impact on the local environment and the standard of living for local residents. My specific objections are as follows:

***1. It is my understanding that the proposed development sites are NOT consistent with the National Planning Policy Framework, specifically the protection of Greenbelt.*** For the sake of the local environment and the quality of life of local residents, Leeds must continue to protect our Green Belt and greenfields. As per the national policy I strongly believe development of brownfield sites should be prioritized over Green Belt and the level of development capped according to brownfield site capacity. The plans put forward do not meet these requirements. I also believe that preservation of the Green Belt between Leeds and Bradford should be conserved in order to protect community identity and provide valuable outdoor space for the enjoyment of residents. Easy access to countryside enables my family and I to enjoy frequent walks, which are of great benefit to our physical and mental health and is a feature we love about life in Guiseley. Loss of the Coach Road fields would thus have a detrimental affect on our family life and wellbeing.

Furthermore development on the Green Belt between Leeds and Bradford should not be proposed without sufficient consultation with neighbouring councils, which I understand has not occurred. The above sites should continue to be part of Leeds' 'Strategic Green Infrastructure' as identified in the Adopted Core Strategy.

**2. It is my understanding that the proposed development sites are NOT consistent with the national policy, specifically with regard to infrastructure.** Leeds has insufficient policies in place to address the issues that these developments will generate. Development and infrastructure requirements must be considered side by side. Specifically, the infrastructure in and around Guiseley is wholly inadequate to support additional housing: Traffic on the A65 during rush hour is horrendous; train carriages are standing room only and there are insufficient school places for the children currently living in the area. As a regular commuter to Leeds and mother of a nine-month old daughter these issues are of particular concern to me. The development plans do not appear to address these issues satisfactorily; there is no plan to ease congestion on, nor improve safety on, the A65; the railways are already running to maximum capacity and at best only a marginal attempt to address the issue of school places has been made. I understand a school has been proposed for the Coach Road site, however due to poor access to this site it is unlikely such development could be progressed. The availability of school places for my daughter in a few years is most worrying and I strongly believe the current lack of school places needs to be addressed before additional housing is built as this will only exacerbate the current problem.

On these grounds, I sincerely hope that you are able to act on my behalf and reject the progression of these Green Belt sites within the development proposals. Please keep me informed of opportunities to present my objections to the planning panel, the public examinations, the submission of the plans and potential outcome of the review, as I would like to retain my right to attend and speak.

Yours faithfully,

Dr Timothy Brend

P.S. I have also attached this letter as a pdf file.