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We understand that there may be a need for additional housing, however, it appears that the need has been overstated. The Council has not revised its housing target in response to revised ONS projections which would mean city needs 45,000 and not the current target of 70,000 - on which Council based its Core Strategy. A reduction in target of just 15,000 would remove need to take any land out of greenbelt. We know that greenfield sites are more popular with developers. Overstating demand will mean the greenfield sites go, but the derelict brown field sites remain.

In an event, we do not consider that the Greenbelt land should be build on until the brown field site have been used up. There appear to be plenty of brown field sites available that have not been used. Until the brown field sites have been developed, the development of greenfield sites cannot be justified. Use the derelict sites around the city first. Once these sites have gone, if further housing is needed, only then should greenbelt be considered.

This is a special area of real beauty. This would be lost by the proposed development. Travelling out of Leeds along the A65, as it rises up after the ring road round-about, the view across the fields along the Aire valley can be nothing short of spectacular. At present it feels like the Dales stretching close to the city of Leeds. We have recently moved to the area, and love the natural beauty. This will be lost if the proposals go ahead. Horsforth and Rawdon will merge into one. There is also the risk that Bradford and Leeds will merge. We regularly walk along the many paths in the area. The Leeds Country Way runs through the proposed development site. This shows the value placed on Leeds green spaces by those making the proposal. The path will have to be renamed the Leeds Suburban Way.

The logistical implications have not been properly thought through. Building further housing in this area is premature until the full implications of the Clariant housing development have been felt. Traffic along the ring road and the A65 is already very heavy. The Clariant development has not yet finished. That will have a significant impact on the situation. The proposal to add hundreds more houses before the full impact of this development has been felt is folly. Leeds lacks an effective public transport system in any event. The only public transport available from the Clariant is a bus service to Horsforth. This appears to be little used. The train runs past but there is no station. The plans will lead to gridlock. The impact on local schools is also unclear.

For these reasons, we object to the proposed development on the above greenfield sites.

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