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Dear Leeds City Council

### Site Allocations Publication Draft Consultation

As a local resident, I am objecting to the inclusion of this land in the site allocations plan as a potential housing site and I am requesting that the council resolve its designation as green space unambiguously and permanently. This site is located within Headingley Ward which has a woeful shortage of green space. The importance of such space does not only relate to leisure activities, but also to the air quality, natural habitats and green corridors and visual amenity that this space provides in an unusually built-up and densely populated area.

The residential development of the site would contravene Leeds Core Strategy policies G1, enhancing and extending green infrastructure, and G6, protection and redevelopment of existing green space, as well as Policy 74 of the National Planning Policy Framework which states that open space should not be developed unless it is surplus to requirements, or replaced. The poverty of green space in Headingley means that this site is not surplus to requirements and thus potential development of the site would call the 'soundness' of the plan into question.

In terms of parks and gardens, with a quantity of 0.1ha per thousand people compared against the Core Strategy standard of 1 hectare per 1000 population, Headingley ward falls extremely short of the recommended Core Strategy standard and so is deficient in terms of the quantity of Parks and Gardens.

In terms of Amenity Green space, Headingley has a figure of 0.09 hectares per 1000 people, which compares extremely unfavourably with the standard of 0.45 hectares recommended in the Core Strategy standard and so is deficient in terms of the quantity of amenity greenspace.

Regarding natural green space, the figure for Headingley is 0.58 hectares per 1000 people which compares poorly against the standard of 0.7 hectares per 1000 population, Headingley Ward falls short of the recommended standard and so is deficient in terms of the quantity of natural green space.

Clearly Headingley is severely lacking in a number of key categories of open space and because of the density of building in the ward, there are extremely limited opportunities for new open or green space. It is therefore in the interests of the Leeds Core Strategy Site Allocations Plans 'soundness' that this site be removed from any residential development status and be protected as green space or a similar appropriate designation.

Best wishes

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