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Dear Sir or Madam,

RE: LEEDS SITE ALLOCATION PLANS - FORMAL OBJECTION

As part of the Leeds Site Allocation Plan public consultation process, we would like to formally object to the proposed development green belt land to the west of Leeds, and in particular to the proposed development of the following sites:

--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->HG2-41 (4240) - Fields South of A65 from Horsforth & Rawdon RA to crematorium

--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->HG2-42 (1016) - Fields at Broadway and Calverley Lane, Horsforth

--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->HG2-43 (5009) - Fields at Horsforth College Campus

At present there is a limited extent to the Green Belt and other green spaces between the major urban centres of Leeds and Bradford, along with the limited distinction between communities along the A65 to the north-west of Leeds (Horsforth, Rawdon and beyond).

The reasons for Green Belt are explicit and we do not support further erosion of these important green spaces. They are important for human health and well-being. Sanitised urban parks within developments do not replicate the characteristics of the countryside. It is our understanding that the proposed development sites are not consistent with the national policy, specifically with regard to Green Belt. Leeds must continue to protect our Green Belt and greenfields. If not the major urban centres of Leeds and Bradford along with their satellite communities will meld into one continuous urban sprawl. Clear physical barriers contribute to the distinctiveness of different settlements and communities. The small areas of green that are present provide a welcome, easily accessible escape from the urban landscape for many walkers, runners, cyclists, horse-riders and others. The green areas are also a welcome relief from the urban landscape when driving in the area. We would rather be picking soft fruit on the proposed HG2-41 development than buying it in plastic boxes from the supermarket. Keep taking away the green areas and people will be more inclined to get in their cars to drive to reach places with the characteristic's that used to be local before they were built on.

Furthermore, it is unclear how the local infrastructure will be upgraded to accommodate around a 1000 new dwellings linked to HG2-41/42/43. Road congestion is already marked along the A647 (ring road) that crosses the Aire Valley to join the A65 at Horsforth. There are the bottlenecks of the current road bridges over waterways and the railway. The increased traffic associated with the planned new housing developments can be expected to worsen congestion further.

Space is limited. As a precious resource, we need to use it responsibly for the collective good. Any further erosion of the remaining small area of Green Belt to the west of Leeds will be an error, disservice to the local communities and will create new problems.

Please keep us informed of the public examinations, submission of the plans and potential outcome of the review as we would like to retain my right to attend and speak.

Yours faithfully,

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