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Subject: PDE02897_Planning Proposal for site ref. HG2-10 (1221) Gill Lane/A65
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Message from Peter Rawson

Greystones, 14a, St Johns Drive, Yeadon, Leeds, LS19 7NB

Dear Sirs,

I wish to register my objection to the proposal to develop site HG2-10 (1221) for housing.

This land has always been classified as "Green Belt" up to the present time.

It is also a part of an historic area known as Nether Yeadon and is cited as an unusual and excellent example of "pre-industrial" Britain, untouched over the last two centuries by the industrialisation which has happened all around it, despite being situated in an area of woollen textile manufacturing. Within this area are dwellings, still inhabited, dating from the 15th and 16th centuries including a manor house, other houses and clutches of cottages, farms and a watermill. These green fields are part of this medieval community, neither the structures nor the settings could exist without the other. This whole area including its fields should be taken into care and preserved for future generations. The fields are rich in wildlife being undisturbed for so long, and are probably home to some of the bats which can be seen flying around at dusk. These fields are the only break in continuous development which continues for several miles along the A65 road.

In general, all of the proposed site allocations in Aireborough should be considered very carefully because of the traffic congestion problem of the A65 road. The situation is already chaotic, our air quality due to slow moving, bumper to tail traffic must be dire, and in itself must be a health risk. All of the sites in the Aireborough proposals make reference to necessary road improvements, usually the A65, but in practice this road cannot be improved, and is already beyond its capacity. It would be enlightening for the inspector or a member of his team to reside in the area for a short period, say, one week, to feel what the road conditions are really like. This would be preferable to relying on claims made by developers, which may not reflect the true situation.

Our neighbouring authority, Bradford, has its own building developments ongoing, some of which abut Aireborough and will feed into and effect the A65. This can only worsen an already bad situation. I get the feeling there is little or no communication between these neighbouring authorities regarding the cumulative effect of their individual actions.

These proposals seem to have been developed by professional technicians who have scant regard for the effect on the residents of the local area or the people who have to

drive through it, and all to satisfy a theoretical target for new dwellings. The Office for National Statistics says the Leeds target is much too high, by a margin of over 25,000 dwellings!

Yours Faithfully,

Peter Rawson

PS I would like to attend any future hearings. Please keep me advised.