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To LDF Publication Draft Consultation, Forward Planning and Implementation

The following comments relate to Sites HG2-41, HG2-42 and HG2-43:-

HG2-41

This plan is unsound: using Green Belt land to meet housing needs is inconsistent with the National Planning Policy Framework which states that Green Belt land can only be used for housing in exceptional circumstances – no such circumstances apply.

There has been no consultation regarding the inclusion of this site in the Allocation Plan therefore the removal of this site from Green Belt is not legal.

The site is Green Belt, adjoining other areas which as a whole create an environment that is a haven for wildlife. These areas and the proposed site provide a pleasant aspect across the valley and provide worthwhile walks connecting with the river and canal banks; giving the feel of a rural setting, within the urban area - this should not be lost for future generations.

The development on the Clariant site was a sensible use of Brownfield land: this should not be confused with the unjustified proposal to now develop the "Strawberry Fields" and adjacent land which has long been a community asset enjoyed by many for recreation. This is Green Belt land and should be left alone.

The proposed development runs contrary to the statements contained in both the National Planning Policy Framework and Leeds Core Strategy relating to protecting Green Belt Land and preventing urban sprawl. This land was designated as Green Belt in order to preserve its open aspect permanently and to contain the urban boundaries. If this plan goes ahead, in conjunction with HG2-12, HG3-2 and HG3-3, Horsforth and Rawdon would merge into a continuous corridor of built up areas. The countryside in between would be destroyed. There are no special circumstances that justify this plan.

The targeted figure of Leeds City Council is based on outdated statistics and pursuing this plan would put unnecessary strain on local services and facilities.

The plan for this site makes mention of provision for a new school: a need that could be met by proper consideration of the use of the Horsforth Park Lane College Campus (HG2-43) possibly in conjunction with HG2-42; rather than use them for additional housing.

HG2-42 and HG2-43

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Whilst planning consent has already been granted for 66 houses based on the college buildings footprint there is no justification for the additional number planned for HG2-43 nor those planned for HG2-42. A better use for both sites would be consideration for the provision for a new school.

Regards

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