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Regarding site **HG2-124 Grange Farm South, Ridge Road, Garforth (1232b)**

I do not agree with this site

Theme of comments: Ecology/Landscape/Trees

Objecting to the allocation of this site for housing

Why this site is unsound

- The 1232b site includes an ancient forest called Stubb Wood. There are trees within this wood that have TPOs and other significant protected and unprotected trees. This area of woodland is designated as Ancient semi natural woodland by the Woodlands Trust,
- It has Native bluebells and Woodland Anemones growing, amongst many other native species of trees and plants.
- It is also very rich in wildlife, with Deer, foxes, Owls, Brown Hares, Lapwings, Woodpeckers, Bullfinch, Long tailed tits, Song Thrush, Mistle Thrush, and several species of bats along with many other species, from insects to birds and mammals.
- There are several groups of trees, bushes and hedgerow cover along all the site boundaries which play a vital role in carbon absorption, noise reduction and landscaping. These need to be protected, as if removed will take many years to replace.
- This land is grade 2 farmland currently under cultivation. Grade 2 is the highest grade of farmland in the Outer south East HMCA and there are many other sites available in the HMCA that have lower grade soils
- 1232b includes part of the Magnesian Ridge that runs northwards across the county. This Ridge has its own unique flora and fauna. It is also known to feature neolithic and bronze age relics. The Magnesian ridge towers over Garforth rising 100 feet to the fertile fields of site 1232b where there is only a thin layer of glacial deposits overlying the limestone. The soils here are from the limestone and clay deposits and are generally very fertile.

I would like to be notified of the adoption of this plan

I would like to be notified of the submission of plans for public examination

Signed C Coyle
Date 15/11/2015