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Dear Forward Planning,

Re: Site Allocations Publication Draft Consultation

Response from Headingley Cllrs

In reference to site 1120 'Land at Headingley Lane', this site is located within Headingley Ward and has a complex ownership and planning history. However, we as Headingley Cllrs, want to demonstrate why this land should be removed from the site allocations plan as a potential housing site and to have its designation unambiguously resolved.

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's surplus to requirements, or replaced. The paragraphs below demonstrate that such green space in Headingley is NOT surplus to requirements and thus potential development of the site would call the 'soundness' of the plan into question.

This site is an important area of open and green space in what is a very densely populated ward of the city. Headingley has the following open and green space issues.

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 woefully short of a number of key categories of open space and has 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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