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Dear Councillors

**Re: Reference GL/PL/PW/18 September 2015
 Green belt housing proposals in Aireborough ie Rawdon, Yeadon and Guiseley**

We are writing to express our views on the above proposals:

Why is greenbelt being considered in the first place for new housing when Leeds has 140 brownfield sites = 150 hectares of potential development land? Why are Leeds Councillors not proposing building on those brownfield sites?

Leeds Core Development Framework Housing Targets are higher than anywhere else in England despite having the lowest population – why?

What studies have been done to look at:

**Schools
 GPs, dentists
 pharmacies
 Roads
 Public transport
 Employment
 Water, elec, gas, refuse collections?**

Our Reasons Against Building on Green Belt:

Once it's built on, that beautiful green space is gone forever, for now and for all future generations

Greenbelt land is for the general public's enjoyment and recreation thereby increasing their potential for healthy living – the green belt provides green space: for viewing, to walk amongst it, to horseride on it, to go on nature trails, to experience farm animals: it provides a great place to mentally unwind and destress; it provides the opportunity to escape from the hustle and bustle of building, traffic and noise.

It robs local residents of their local recreational space

We moved here because of the green belt and immediate walking and recreational access to the countryside

Our Specific reasons not to build any more in Guiseley/Yeadon: ie Wills Gill/Banksfield/Shaw Lane

1. Guiseley has had a massive increase in new building already:
We moved here 6 years ago: the amount of housing that has been built since we moved here is huge:
2. Traffic: resulting in a huge increase of traffic: each adult person in each house is most likely to have a car! So each new house = 2 cars minimum.
3. Traffic congestion
4. Health:
++traffic = ++air pollution = bad health prospects for the local population
5. Not enough GPs and health centres: people aren't able to get appointments with their GPs cos of overcrowding
6. Not enough schools: little children especially need local primary schools
7. There are plans for the greenbelt around the airport to be built on so that the airport can expand: Yorkshire is now famous for its beauty – its green beauty! You will spoil that beauty by building on green belt.

Our Specific objections to Shaw Lane being developed:

- ++traffic = gridlocked A65
- Airport expansion = ++gridlocked A65
- Important area for locals to walk their dogs and take recreational exercise
- Brownfield sites should be developed first: ie the recently demolished Kirklands House site (4019);
- The Old Dog Mill site (off Kirk Lane); Ex Mill Green Lane (1308)
- It's on the LBA flight path so ++noise pollution for the potential residents
- It's too close to Keipkeir Woods which are important for wildlife and birds
- It would destroy the open vista
- Site A, the northern section would create urban sprawl and put unacceptable pressure on highway capacity

Our Specific objections to Wills Gill being developed:

- It has high potential to lead to unrestricted sprawl because it is not well connected to an urban area and would not constitute a rounding off of a settlement (No 1)
- It provides access to the countryside (No 3)
- It performs an important role in safeguarding from encroachment ie assists in safeguarding countryside from encroachment (No 3)
- It is adjacent to Guiseley conservation area (No 4)
- It has a beck running through it
- It has hedgerows and water courses that need to be protected
- It is at flood risk from the watercourse which runs North to South (and it has actually flooded in the past according to the resident of No 11 Shaw Lane Gardens)
- It overlaps a public right of way

- It has access constraints
- There is an ecology objection
- It is a valuable resource for recreation and open fields
- As there is already a shortage of school places and doctors and dentists especially since the huge amount of new housing that has already occurred in Guiseley, there would need to be new schools built and more doctors/dentists recruited
- Traffic would feed into the A 65 and cause even more congestion
- We moved here specifically to listen to the farm animals the other side of the stone wall and to admire the open fields and enjoy the peace and quiet

We would welcome a response to our objections, especially why there are still brownfield sites, 140 of them, in and around Leeds; and why they are not being developed for housing.

In summary, we are deeply opposed to these proposals and feel incensed that the beauty of Yorkshire is at stake. What an irony, when Yorkshire is now being feted for its beauty.

Yours sincerely

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Homeowners of 13 Shaw Lane Gardens