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22<sup>nd</sup> September, 20015.

To whom it may concern,

**Ref: LDF/SAP&AVLPD**

I have received a letter dated 16<sup>th</sup> September, regarding site allocations for proposed building in and around Leeds and my comments have been asked for.

I am chiefly concerned about the proposal to demolish Park Lane College on Calverley Lane, just off the Ring Road in Horsforth and although I have already written to you early this year with my comments on this proposal, I want to reiterate some of my previous comments to reinforce my absolute objection to this proposal.

As I have previously mentioned, Horsforth is primarily a Village, albeit a sizeable village, it is still a village. It has two parts, old Horsforth and new Horsforth or precisely new "dismembered" Horsforth. When our history is obliterated, then it is really dismembered. I said before that I used to live in Guiseley and now I see sadly that Guiseley has been dismembered and an attempt has been made to re-structure it in a perhaps contemporary fashion, unfortunately it has not worked because like Horsforth, Guiseley still retains a flavour of the countryside, its' old buildings, its' fields, some of its' houses, architecture, all stand in defiance against the attempts to "build" onto it. Yet some attempts have been absurd I feel and these attempts are at odds with the overall appearance of Guiseley. Yet what has been done is done and cannot be put back. I am eager to try and stop any such thing happening here in Horsforth. So Horsforth too nestles in green belt and any plans to utilize spare land here or worse still demolish a building that has served Horsforth well in bringing students into the clear country air to learn, as opposed to travelling into the city, are for me totally wrong. I have no experience in architecture, town planning or design but I know what looks right and what looks wrong and out of place and what distorting a beautiful village like Horsforth would be like, just to build yet more houses is a sin and a shame. However, what I have complained about is the aesthetic reasons for not building, there are the practical reasons for not building to consider. The Ring Road is congested at the junction of New Road Side at the best of times, but over the week-end it is approaching chaos, however anyone could suggest building a housing development just off this area seems ludicrous and all in the name of utilising space? Houses + people + cars are only appropriate surely where there are suitable roads to accommodate the comings and goings of cars from a housing development. Surely there is space all over Leeds that is far more suitable for a housing development than a small area like Horsforth? I can see how attractive to a Building company Horsforth will appear and I can imagine this area will be conducive for the build of up-market houses, but surely not at the expense of carving away lovely countryside and pleasant green land.

If immigration is the reason for this housing frenzy, then no doubt you will be building houses forevermore. I cannot understand when I watch t.v. reports on houses that have been empty and gone into ruin over years, why are these houses not being renovated if there is a housing shortage. There will always be a moving around of people everywhere, whether houses become vacant due to death, moving into nursing homes or moving abroad, it is hard to see why there is a shortage of homes?

Britain is a small island and it is hard to imagine how plans can be set out to take away precious greenery and replace it with concrete, bricks and noise, can we not retain areas that have always been green for long enough, when there are clearly many brown sites around Leeds?

For what it is worth, these are my comments as requested by you in your letter to me of 16<sup>th</sup> September.

Yours faithfully,

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To whom it may concern,

I wrote to you yesterday, having received a letter from you dated 16<sup>th</sup> September, asking for my comments with regard to the various proposed building sites in and around Leeds.

I would like to add, what I consider to be a P.S. to my letter of 23<sup>rd</sup> September, because even though I have mentioned the wildlife in my first letter dated in Spring of this year, I feel it is a main objection to any building on this site therefore mentioning it again will only, I hope, strengthen the case.

I understand Deer have been seen wandering around the greenery near Park Lane College. All I can say to this is how privileged are we to have these shy harmless creatures feeling safe enough to walk around here. It is a good thing our animal life cannot read the thoughts of man? The plans to be submitted that will destroy their habitat thankfully they will be oblivious to. However, I am not and so I will speak for those creatures that do not have voices. There is too much animal cruelty in this World, yet I have always believed Britain stands out in this World against it. It can only be thought of as cruel to take away the habitat of our wildlife little by little, without a thought or consideration for their lives or wellbeing. I appreciate there are those who would, but personally I do not know of anyone thankfully, put a dog or cat out on the streets to fend for themselves, in effect, taking away the habitat of our wildlife is akin to just that, they are being thrown out of their homes.

Away and apart from the "story book" scenario, there are serious and harmful repercussions to us human beings. Taking away open land, fields, wildlife and nature has got to, in time, become detrimental to our health, both mind, spirit and body. I cannot imagine anyone wanting to look upon houses, buildings, concrete structures on a daily basis, without supplementing it with the countryside, nature and wildlife. Surely to take all we have available to us of the countryside and wildlife (and such a great deal has already been taken and built on) will cause all manner of stress and mental problems to man?

Let this one planning application be the beginning of a return to sanity.

Yours faithfully,

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