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Dear Sir/Madam

Formal Objection to Leeds Site Allocation Plans

As part of the Leeds site Allocation Plan public consultation process I would like to object to the proposed development of the following sites:

Outer West – HG2-76: Hough Side Road and HG2-80: Acres Hall, Pudsey, both in LS28.

It is my understanding that the proposal is not consistent with national policy, specifically with regard to Green Belt and green field sites. It also fails to acknowledge the impact on the West Leeds Country Park and Green Gateways trail and aspects of the Biodiversity Action Plan for Leeds.

The fields and open green spaces which are being proposed for development are very important to me and I have contributed to an active environmental group supporting the public use of Post Hill and surrounding areas. This group (Friends of Post Hill) has received funding from LCC Area Committee Wellbeing Fund to increase wildlife habitat and conserve green spaces for families and adults in the local community. This includes creating the opportunity to establish a West Leeds "Nature Corridor". This proposal is completely contradictory to these aims and the removal of these green field sites opposes existing plans within LCC for the conservation of endangered indigenous species such as the harvest mouse, tansy beetle, Barberry carpet moth and white clawed crayfish.

Once these areas are developed for housing the habitat of insects, butterflies and bees and other wildlife is reduced yet again and this is an irreplaceable resource, already much limited in our urban landscape.

These sites should be protected as part of Leeds "Strategic Green Infrastructure" as identified in the Adopted Core Strategy.

It is my understanding that the infrastructure needed to support these new developments is not in place, which indicates the proposal is not consistent with national policy. There are no published plans to address the traffic problem. The estimate of cars which would travel from Valley Road and Acres Hall directly onto Troydale Lane would cause considerable problems. From the point of the bus terminal the road narrows to one and a half car width to the exit point on Tong Road; this is where over 200 cars would be travelling to pick up the ring road to Leeds or Tong Lane to access the quickest route to Bradford. The projected journey of these new home owners has not been fully considered and accounted for in this plan.

The housing development and the impact on local schools, surgeries and other health providers should be reconsidered as well as the considerable impact of increased traffic and loss of wildlife habitat.

The loss of Greenfield sites is significant as it creates a continuous stream of housing rather than protecting the natural environment we all benefit from. This is defined in the Adopted Core Strategy map 3, settlement hierarchy, where settlements are engulfed within the main urban area.

Although I have recently moved out of Pudsey to New Farnley and live on the outskirts of Pudsey my family continue to own land and property on Troydale Lane, and as I keep bees there I am on Troydale Lane every weekend. I would be personally affected by the increase of traffic on Troydale Lane and I also own a property on Valley Road (89A) so have a continued interest in ensuring the access is safe and the environment remains intact for future generations.

I appreciate the needs for new affordable housing but feel there are opportunities to develop more brown field sites. This may not be as attractive to developers in terms of profit margins, but the impact of the loss of green field sites is so significant and permanent it should be an influencing factor. I hope there are enough local objections to ensure this development is reconsidered.

Yours sincerely

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