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Leeds Site Allocation Plans: HG2—12 (4254) HG2-41 (4240) HG-42 (1016) HG2-43 (5009)

I am writing in response to the above plans and wish to object very strongly to these plans to build houses in the area around Horsforth roundabout and the A65, My reasons for doing so include:

- It involves the building on green belt which contravenes the National Planning Policy Framework and will mean the loss of some lovely countryside which many people enjoy. My family loves to walk in the area and are always saying how nice it is to have green spaces close to our home. I have lived in the area all my life and would hate to see the view across the valley crowded with housing developments. These areas are precious and should be conserved for future generations.
- The site HG2-43 is a conservation area which I would have thought precluded the building of new houses.
- The 500 houses already approved at Horsforth Vale and Riverside Mill will have an impact on traffic in the immediate area. The above proposals to build 1,000 new houses will make this worse and lead to bottlenecks and increased pollution on the approach roads – particularly at rush hour.
- There is a need for more housing. I agree with this and indeed welcome the Kirkstall Forge development (on a brownfield site). But the most pressing need is for **affordable** housing. This is certainly not the case as far as the Redrow Horsforth Vale development is concerned and I doubt that builders will be willing to forego the greater profits they make on bigger houses in any new developments.

I always thought Green Belt meant just that – an area of open countryside on the outskirts of a town or city. These plans make a mockery of this,

Yours faithfully,

Gillian M Calder

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