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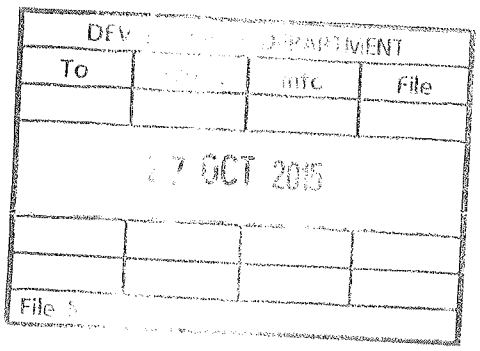

Date: 23rd October 2015

Dear Sir,

Site Allocation Consultation

Having studied the site allocation for development in the Horsforth area I strongly object to the proposed plans to build 777 homes at Site HG2-41 referred to as the strawberry picking fields. This site is in Green Belt as identified within Leeds Core Strategy as Strategic Green Infrastructure and is in breach of national planning law. Building houses on this site would totally destroy this part of the Aire Valley between Horforth and the river bearing in mind it would almost link up with the Clariant site development thus destroying a valuable green wildlife corridor which would be little short of criminal. There are plenty of smaller brown field sites in West Leeds that could be developed but presumably this would be of little interest to money-grabbing property developers.
Furthermore, the combined use of Sites HG2-41, HG2-12, HG3-2 and HG3-3 would completely merge Horsforth and Rawdon which I believe is inconsistent with the NPPF and Leeds Core Strategy.
Finally, I strongly object to plans to develop that part of the Horsforth Campus site HG2-43 which is in Green Belt and classed as a nature reserve. Our wildlife is under enough pressure already and building on a nature reserve again would be little short of criminal.
In conclusion:
1. Have the plans been positively prepared? - No
2. Are the plans justified? - No
3. Will the plans be effective? - No
4. Is the plan consistent with national policy? - Definitely not.

Yours faithfully,

Peter Murphy