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Dear Sir/Madam,

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Great care was taken when the Green Belt and Conservation area were set up and that care should be respected and not eroded bit by bit until what is now green Aireborough is to the level of town suburbs, no longer a separating buffer and welcoming lung between towns.

Areas such as HG3 – 43 designated for 206 houses, HG2 – 10 for 155, HG2 – 9 for 102, HG3 - 2, HG3 – 4 for 246, and unbelievably, HG2 – 41 for 777. These are all large developments, and will change the area irrevocably with their necessary supporting infrastructure. This is speculative development. The word ‘homes’ being used as an emotive word, subliminally bringing to mind neat lawns and tidy, well organised households. Homes are made by people, not developers. My decades long experience as an architect has led me to realise that increased population numbers are invariably inflated, usually instigated by developers in the pursuit of profit. Politicians urge these numbers so they can persuade the people that the economy is recovering, building employs, and can be seen by all, as roofs go on and kitchens are delivered, ready for this great influx of population.

Leeds Core Strategy, with the Strategic Green Infrastructure and Special Landscape is totally sound. Any development in these areas should be limited to single numbers, and those considered with great care. Leeds and Bradford have been held apart for over half a century and should remain so for centuries to come. That is the whole point of these special Conservation areas, to conserve.

If our Green Belts are nibbled into, our National Parks had better beware! We are a small country, heavily populated, and unless we resist pressures we shall end up as one housing estate the entire length of our country.

The House Builders lobby pressures any Government in power, and inflated conjectural population figures are in their interests. Governments always use inflated figures to sustain political argument, regardless of Party. Populations shift around the country unpredictably leaving some areas almost desolate and others overcrowded. Aireborough is a small but vital area of calm between two big towns. Please let it remain so.

Yours Faithfully,

Mrs J.F Hinchliffe