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Dear Sir

#### Leeds City Council Site Allocation Conultation

I wish to register my objection to the removal of land from greenbelt protected status especially land site reference numbers HG3-4 and HG3-3. Not only are these sites presently within greenbelt but they are also on the boundary between Rawdon and Horsforth. Building on these sites will expedite the merging of Rawdon and Horsforth, especially when the land immediately to the east of Ghyll Beck is developed for the airport link road. (I am convinced that this road will go ahead because the airport wants it and the airport has alot more clout than the residents of Horsforth and Rawdon).

The National Planning Framework states that once established greenbelt should only be altered in exceptional circumstances. Leeds City Council's own advise on planning constraints states that permission for developing on greenbelt land is not allowed except in exceptional circumstances. I know of no flood, famine, plague or war necessitating the development of greenbelt in Leeds. If such conditions do exist then surely Leeds council under a duty of care must immediately inform the people of Leeds. The population of Leeds has been growing for at least the past ten score years. Only two decades in the past twenty one have shown a small decline in population. So a fall in population is the exception and not growth. Growth cannot be used as an exceptional circumstance.

The motto of the City of Leeds is "Pro Rege et Lege"- for King and the law. Part of the dictionary definition of law is "a rule or set of rules regarding what may or may not be done by members of society or Community". An exception to the growth of population in Leeds would be a fall in population. Leeds City Council please follow your rules. Or is this another case of "Do as I say not as I do".

I also note that LCC has once again over estimated the housing target. The ONS projection is for 45,000 new houses in Leeds and not the 70,000 target of LCC. Is there a hidden agenda with some councillors to encourage urban sprawl and create an extreme conurbation? A Greater Leeds!

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The development of sites HG3-3 and HG3-4 is not valid.

Yours Faithfully

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