

Ref. SITE ALLOCATIONS.

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Dear Sirs,

We are writing to comment on the site allocations recently published by L.C.C. We feel the number of houses supposedly required in the Leeds area is unjustified, and should be based on up to date statistics. If the population is only going to grow by 64,000 people in a period why are 70,000 houses needed? The plan must be revised to show a smaller number of houses as per N.P.P.F. para. 153, as it is based on obsolete statistics.

We also feel that there is too much green belt and greenfield land involved and Yeadon, Rowdon and Horsforth will merge with huge loss of green space. Sites HG2-9, 10 and 11 are greenfield. HG2-11 has no access other than on to Over Lane very near its junction with Leeds Road and is no longer 0.5 hectares, part of it has been sold to the owner of Over House and incorporated into his property, further the bungalow which was to have been demolished to access the field from Larkfield Drive has been sold to a family who are currently making improvements to it. If included at all it should be shown as a smaller site with single track access from Over Lane between Ivy House and the listed Ivy Cottage. Planning

permission has been² refused twice on this site. Hg2-12 is in Green Belt as identified within Leeds Core Strategy. The planning Minister recently commented that "unmet housing needs should not exceed maintaining the Green Belt", the use of Green Belt is inconsistent with national policy. This comment also applies to sites Hg2-42 & 43. Part of 43 is a Nature Reserve. What are you thinking of? Site Hg2-41 is a natural green gap between Horsforth and Rawdon, again in Green Belt as identified by Leeds Core Strategy. Shown as "Strategic Green Infrastructure" this natural boundary should be respected, a valued landscape, particularly in view of the large number of houses which have been put on the old Clariant site off Calverley Lane. Pressure on the local infrastructure will be intolerable.

We feel the plans for our area rely too much on greenfield and greenbelt land, and this goes against both Leeds Core Strategy and national planning policy. The numbers are not justified, being based on out of date statistics, and the plans will not be effective as the pressure on infrastructure is too great.

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Yours faithfully

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