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DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT			
To	Action	Info	File
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Dear Sir,

Re site 1192-10 (1221) Gill Lane

- 1) I do not dispute the need for more housing but do object to constant attempts by developers to take "green belt" space as the easy and more lucrative option to build on rather than utilizing the large amounts of brownfield and/or derelict spaces available and not providing affordable housing at all.
- 2) The proposed development of this greenfield site on the outskirts of Leeds is a small area, and wild life sanctuary, in an historic semi-rural area and community with listed buildings and conservation areas as an integral part of its boundaries.
- 3) The general area of Aireborough has already taken 2,500 homes with proposals for another 1,000 plus on the A65 Corridor alone, linking in to attempts to remove more green belt areas on the A65. This is far too much loss of open space for the area.
- 4) The infra structure is already in melt down.

- a) no school places and no further room to expand.
- b) Medical facilities at breaking point.
- c) Traffic at a standstill: despite the traffic survey there are frequent queues of standing vehicles in both directions along the length of this site aiming for both Leeds and Guiseley. This happens throughout the day not just "rush hour" and also at weekends.
- 5) Employment is basically in Leeds or Bradford meaning movement along the A65 will increase even more but the public transport system for the area is already completely inadequate.
- 6) The natural contours of this site provide the drainage of surrounding land areas. The natural water table of the surrounding areas are already showing signs of being compromised by previous building. Unless this is addressed the problem for surrounding areas will only get worse at the cost of existing residents.
- 7) With proposed further developments for hundreds of houses in Horsforth on the A65 and in Menston and the issue of increased traffic to the Airport along the A65 it is vital that this site and all the other proposed developments are looked at

as a whole and not just as small bits of land in isolation. These "bits and pieces" of removal of green belt are destroying our whole habitat and area.

It is vital to look at this site as a small piece of land but also part of a much larger area of green belt along the A65 which appears to be being removed forever creating an 11 mile plus stretch of road with no natural open spaces along it.

Local residents deserve better as do the people who try to provide the essential services.

Please consider small areas presented as small items as part of a bigger picture of destruction of an area.

Yours faithfully