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Dear Sir/Madam

Opposition to Development of Green Belt Land

I write in response to the Leeds Site Allocation Plans and to register objection to building on Green Belt Land in my area of North Leeds. Planning policies and applications have to be determined in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework. Plans to build on the Green Belt contravene the NPPF, chapter thirteen of which concerns protection of Green Belt by the Government. The Framework (para 83) makes clear that once established, Green Belt boundaries should only be altered in exceptional circumstances. Green Belt land is not to be released as a quick solution to meeting housing targets, particularly where the Leeds target of 70,000 does not reflect actual population growth. Use of Green Belt features even in phase 1 of development and most of phase 2 is also of this category. Areas of particular concern are:

- **HG2 – 41** Fields south of the A65, Horsforth Roundabout to the crematorium. "Strategic Green Infrastructure" Leeds Core Strategy. "Special Landscape" UDP.
- **HG2 – 42** Fields at Broadway and Calverley Lane, Horsforth. Green Belt.
- **HG2 – 43** Fields at Horsforth College Campus. Predominantly Greenbelt and Greenfield.
- **HG2 - 12** – Fields at Woodlands Drive, Rawdon. Green Belt in the Core Strategy and "Strategic Green Infrastructure".
- **HG3-2, HG3 – 3 and HG 3-4** off the A65, Rawdon. As above.

The fundamental aim of Green Belt policy, as outlined in the NPPF, is to prevent urban sprawl by keeping land permanently open. It is one of the distinctive and attractive features of the northern boundary of Leeds that open space distinguishes one town from the next. The proposals above would create continuous linear settlement from Horsforth to Rawdon and individuality would be lost, as would recreational space. The impact of so many housing units on an already over-capacity road network does not need further emphasis!

More local to myself, I would raise concerns about **HG2 -37** Brownberrie Lane, again a Greenfield site, particularly as **HG1 – 64, HG1 – 65 and HG1-66** close by, apparently already have planning consent. There is severe traffic and parking congestion on Brownberrie Lane and Westbrook Lane which would become intolerable should the HG1 consents be realised. There has been markedly increased use of on-road parking by students on Westbrook Lane this academic year.

To conclude, the Site Plans infringe national Green Belt policy in terms of deprivation of openness and permanence, lack of prevention of urban sprawl, failure to assist in urban regeneration by not encouraging recycling of derelict and other urban land – and are inappropriate as a housing solution.

Yours faithfully,