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Planning Services,
The Leonardo Building,
2, Rossington Street,
Leeds LS2 8HD.

Dear Sir or Madam,

Re: Leeds Site Allocation Plan.

Having read through and discussed the Leeds City Council Site Allocation Plan, I would like to comment on its content. Proposals for developments within the Adel area have been discussed at length within the community. In May and August 2014, I wrote to the Planning Services stating my objections to the development proposals under Planning Applications: 14/01660/OT: Land off Otley Road and 14/1874/OT: Land off Church Lane. Both of these applications were rejected unanimously by the Council Planning Panel. That was a sensible decision.

It would now appear that the Church Lane site is included in the Site Allocation Plan e.g.: HG2-18: Church Lane, Adel. I gather also that under the title: Unallocated Sites, the land east of Otley Road, Site ref.: 4159, which is green belt land has been listed.

As has been referred to on many previous occasions, much of the land in question has value from a heritage viewpoint, particularly in respect of St John the Baptist Parish Church, a Grade 1 listed building. "The preservation of its setting is of unchallenged importance" according to the UDP inspectors report. There is also archaeological interest in the area with ancient rights of way and access involved. In addition, development in this area would involve destruction of old established trees, protected by preservation orders, some of which define the route of an ancient roadway. As a long time resident of Adel, I wish to preserve the landscape and character of area.

Any development in the area, such as those under rejected Planning Applications 14/01660/OT and 14/01874/OT would require vehicle access to Otley Road, (A660), one of the most congested roads in Leeds. As pointed out previously, traffic would have to join Otley Road at the existing traffic lights or via a new light controlled junction opposite Kingsley Drive which would add to the congestion and tailbacks that occur on this main route into and out of Leeds.

Both primary schools in Adel are operating at full capacity needing two entry

classes to cope. An increase in demand for places would add to the numbers of residents having to transport their children to neighbouring communities in Bramhope and Cookridge. The need for school capacity far outweighs the need for more housing.

While I object strongly to the developments on green field sites, I look favourably on the proposals to develop the several brown field sites. In addition to the re-use of the land formerly occupied by the Government Buildings and Bodington Hall, plans to make use of small plots of land such as those under Plan ref., HG2-30: Eyrie Pub site, Holtdale Approach; HG2-31: land at the junction of Otley Old Road and Holtdale Approach; HG2-32: Cookridge Fire station, Otley Old Road and HG2-34 car park off Farrar Lane.

In summary, I would prefer that priority be given to developing the brown field sites. Any development that intrudes on green belt designated land should be removed from the plan. This includes proposals for "mixed" sites currently in the green belt e.g. Site refs. 3360A and 3360B.

Yours faithfully,

Dr K. T. Jackson.