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LDF Publication Draft Consultation,  
Forward Planning & Implementation,  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a resident of Horsforth and am writing to you in response to the Leeds Site Allocation Plans.

**The sites which you propose to be developed for housing and which I am objecting to are:**

**HG2-41 Fields south of A65, Horsforth roundabout to the crematorium**

**HG2-42 Fields at Broadway and Calverley Lane, Horsforth**

**HG2-43 Fields at Horsforth College campus**

**HG2-12 Fields at Woodlands Drive, Rawdon**

**HG3-2 Fields off A65, Rawdon**

**HG3-3 Fields off A65, Rawdon**

**HG3-4 Fields off A65, Rawdon**

I find it abhorrent, and quite unbelievable, that you propose to include this Strategic Green Infrastructure. These proposals are in direct conflict with the National Planning Policy Framework, and also Leeds' own established policy in the Leeds Core Strategy. I object vehemently to these plans.

In the NPPF, a section, 'Protecting Green Belt Land', states:

**'The Government attaches great importance to Green Belts. The fundamental aim of Green Belt policy is to prevent urban sprawl by keeping land permanently open; the essential characteristics of Green Belts are their openness and their PERMANENCE.**

**'Inappropriate development is harmful to the Green Belt and should not be approved EXCEPT IN VERY SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES.'**

Can you explain to me what these circumstances are, and the reasons you're even thinking of using these sites for development?

As you know (or may not know, seemingly!) Green Belt serves five purposes:

- to check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas;
- to prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another;
- to assist safeguarding the countryside from encroachment;
- to preserve the setting and specific character of historic towns;
- to assist in urban regeneration by encouraging the recycling of derelict land.

In Horsforth, many of the sites proposed for development are pleasant, rural areas, providing a taste of the countryside, delightful scenery and wildlife habitats. They are important to myself and my family, in promoting wellbeing and healthy exercise in a beautiful environment. Many people have enjoyed this green and wonderful scenery for years, and I believe future generations should reap the same benefits from it that my generation and previous generations have.

The proposed sites are inconsistent, and in direct conflict with the national policy on Green Belt.  
Can you explain why?

Can you further explain why the council is using obsolete, wide-of-the-mark data with reference to the housing target figures, which surely renders your figures obsolete and irrelevant?

On CURRENT FIGURES, the target has been grossly over-exaggerated by the council. Will the target be subsequently revised in line with the current figures, and if not, why not?

The A65, where it comes into Horsforth, is already congested, especially in peak periods. The implications of developments proposed further west, i.e. in Rawdon, Guiseley, Menston, etc. will further impact on this, plus any other developments locally.

Yours sincerely,

Victor Barrett