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Dear Sir/Madam

DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT			
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Re: Objection to proposed development of greenbelt and Greenfield sites

I wish to strongly object to the proposed development of the following greenbelt and Greenfield sites:

HG2-41(4240) Fields South of A65 from Horsforth & Rawdon RA to crematorium
HG2-42 (1016) Fields at Broadway and Calverley Lane, Horsforth
HG2-43 (5009) Fields at Horsforth College Campus

As a local resident living close to the sites of these proposed development, I believe that these will have a serious negative impact on my standard of living and should be excluded from the plans. My specific objections are as follows:

- 1. Prioritisation of greenbelt over brownfield.** NPPF states that brownfield sites are to be prioritised over the development of of greenfield and greenbelt, however these offer greenbelt in advance of available brownfield ones.
- 2. Lack of Infrastructure.** NPPF states that infrastructure must come first, however the outline ideas to provide this are not in place or time-lined. There are currently no plans for new healthcare provisions for such a massive scale extension of population. Also there seems to be no schedule of timed completion of education provision or any indication who will build this. This would leave the possibility that it would not proceed at all.
- 3. Inability to cope with traffic.** These three sites are located on a section of Ring Road and A65 which is one of the most congested and dangerous in Leeds. To add over a thousand extra houses which all need to utilise the same stretch of road will cause daily gridlock and increase the threat of serious accidents within an already over-burdened area.

4. Website Obstructiveness and Limiting Access to Information. The map which was sent out by the Council to indicate the whereabouts of the proposed above sites was unclear and vague in its construction. There is an absence of a clear list of all greenbelt sites which are nominated for development and the Council's consultation feedback website does not allow for the objections of greenbelt development across Leeds – thus only allowing focus on sites on a field by field basis. Making objections on all proposed sites is impossible.

5. Delaying of Housing Target Re-assessment. The current housing target which drives the need to develop on greenbelt is flawed (based on inaccurate figures which are not in line with the 2014 figures issued by the Office of National Statistics) and needs to be changed. This needs to be done before the site allocation is carried forward.

I sincerely hope that you are able to act on my behalf and reject the progression of these greenbelt sites within the development proposals.

Yours faithfully

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