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FAO Leeds City Council Planning Department

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to you to express my concerns and objections to Leeds City Council's Site Allocation Plans.

The sites I am particularly concerned about are;

- HG2-41 Fields South of A65, Horsforth roundabout to crematorium
- HG2-43 Fields at Horsforth College Campus
- HG2-12 Fields at Woodlands Drive, Rawdon
- HG3 2, HG3-3 and HG3-4 Fields off A65, Rawdon

I live in this area and have done so all my life. These areas are vital and precious green belt land which all contribute to making my local area a happy, beautiful place. Green belt areas nurture well-being in individuals and once lost, they can never be replaced.

There is absolutely no need to build housing on green belt land in Leeds. National Planning Policy Framework states that brownfield sites should be used before green belt land is considered. There are many brownfield sites within Leeds. More than enough brownfield space to fulfil Leeds own (questionable) target for housing in the coming years. In fact the proposal to use this strategic green infrastructure goes against the Leeds Core Strategy.

Leeds is a fantastic city and one which is very diverse. Part of that diversity and part of what makes Leeds so wonderful, is the fantastic green belt areas we have. Areas that not only local people can enjoy, but people from all over the city and beyond. It is unacceptable to destroy this beauty and diversity just to make short term monetary gains for the council and private companies.

My area has already seen vast amounts of housing development with more already in plan – the old Sandoz site, and the site of the new railway station on Kirkstall Road. Both these areas will already be providing hundreds of houses and the increase in traffic alone adds to an already congested road network.

I completely object to Leeds City Council building housing on the above areas of green belt land when there are brownfield sites available within the city.

I wish my objections to be noted as part of the consultation.

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