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Dear Sir / Madam,

RE: LEEDS SITE ALLOCATION PLANS - FORMAL OBJECTION.

As part of the Leeds Site Allocation Plan public consultation process, **I would like to formally object** to the proposed development of the following areas:-

- HG2-41 (4240) – fields south of the A65 from Horsforth roundabout to Rawdon Crematorium, (including Strawberry fields)
- HG2 – 43 (5009) – conservation area at Park Lane College Campus, Horsforth.
- HG2 – 12 (4254) – fields at Woodlands Drive.
- HG3 – 2. HG3 – 3, HG3 – 4 fields off A65 Rawdon.

It is my understanding that the proposed development sites ARE NOT consistent with the national policy, specifically with regard to Green Belt.

We, and that is Leeds, MUST continue to protect our Green Belt and green fields.

The fields and open green spaces which are being proposed for development are important to me because they represent a part of the countryside that it is not built on and allows for a sensory appreciation of open space AND NOT a crowded 'reality' of houses and infrastructure that will damage the area of Horsforth that people admired and why they chose to live there.

These sites should continue to be part of the Leeds 'Strategic Green Infrastructure' as identified in the Adopted Core Strategy'

It is my understanding that the proposed development sites are NOT consistent with the national policy, specifically with regard to infrastructure. Leeds has insufficient policies in place to address the issues that this

development will generate. Development and infrastructure requirements must be considered side by side.

Development of these sites on greenfields will lead to nearby villages being engulfed within the 'main urban area and they will no longer be separate 'Major Settlements' of their own. Reference – Adopted Core Strategy (Map 3, Settlement Hierarchy).

My concerns include a great strain upon Horsforth's infrastructure such as Schools, Doctors and Dentists.

It would not be too dramatic to say that the volume of traffic and other transport would increase dramatically within the area and in a situation that barely copes as it is.

I am reminded that on the 21st September, the National Housing Federation announced it believed the UK needed to add 974,000 houses between 2011 and 2014 but only 457,490 were built!!

Brandon Lewis has said that he would consider 1million homes built by 2020 a success!!

Leeds population is 1.1894% of the UK population. (Based on 2011 census figures)

1 million houses over 4 years is 250,000 per year

1.1894% of 250,000 is **2974** per year for Leeds to meet its share

That would represent a 15 year target of **44,610** (NOT the 70,000 Leeds is pursuing)!!

That would also represent a top end figure - as a proportion of that 974,000 is effectively backlog caused by under building in the recession.

It should be noted that as a reaction to Brandon Lewis response at interview that 1 million would count as a success - 'industry experts' said that the UK housing industry did not have the capacity to build that many homes. (although I expect that the housing industry will dispute that!)

The BBC also ran an item asking if Greenbelt should be built on - and the answer was 'Maybe - in the future - **but for now it should remain sacrosanct**'

Local reports also pointed out Harrogate had built only 14% of the housing it needed - begging the question 'why should Horsforth's Greenbelt take up Harrogate's slack?'

Please keep me informed of the public examination, submission of the plans and potential outcome of the review as I would like to retain my right to attend and speak.

I strongly object to these proposals.

Yours faithfully,

(Peter J. Mallott)