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RE: LEEDS SITE ALLOCATION PLANS - FORMAL OBJECTION

Dear Sir / Madam,

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

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, HG3-3 HG3-4 Fields of A65, Rawdon

As I understand it the proposed development sites are NOT consistent with the national policy, specifically with regard to Green Belt land, as mentioned in the Governments planning guidance 'National Planning Policy framework' document.

Leeds council must continue to protect land notified as Green Belt as well as undeveloped agricultural land . The fields and open green spaces, which are being proposed for development, are important to me because they represent a green buffer area between the villages and settlement of Calverley Horsforth Rawdon and Rodley, These green belt areas provide a corridor of countryside which allows wildlife to move between different habitat areas within the Aire Valley. They are also great places to walk dogs and have proper country walks, in close proximity to two large towns.

These sites should continue to be part of 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 does not have sufficient policies in place to address the issues that these developments will generate. Development and infrastructure requirements must be considered side by side. Development of these sites on greenfields will lead to nearby

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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 the appalling traffic congestion on the Leeds ring road and the A65, stretched GP services and health care provision, inappropriate access to schools and a drive by developers to gain better return from developments by claiming that they are within the Horsforth area boundary (an example is the Horsforth VALE development which is built next to the site of Calverley station)

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

Yours faithfully,

John Shackleton