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Dear Sir/Madam

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I am writing with huge concerns and objections with regard to the proposed development of Green belt and green field sites with in this area mainly :-

HG2-43 (5009) at Horsforth College Campus

HG2-42 (1016) Fields at Broadway and Calverley Lane Horsforth

HG2-41(4240) Fields south of the A65 from Horsforth /Rawdon Roundabout to the Crematorium .

I feel that to developing these sites is contrary to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG)

I have lived in Horsforth for over 40 years and feel that if such developments are allowed on protected Green belt land ,it will have a detrimental effect on peoples lives and should not be included in the plans (ie withdrawn from the present plans)

The proposed plans will lead to a spread of urban housing with no sense of community identity. My understanding is that the NPPF states that the merging of communities is to be prevented , this will not be so if the above green-sites are built on .

The NPPF also states that the infrastructure must come first . Where will the Heath Care Centres be ,dentists ,local schools both Primary and High ,etc?

If this plan is to go ahead at all three sites ,there will be over 1000 houses which will mean added traffic on the already highly congested A65 and the Leeds Outer Ring Road . The recent improvements , have not alleviated traffic problems as the ring road narrows at the bridges (over the river ,railway and canal)

The NPPF also states the brown field sites are to be prioritised over development of greenfield and greenbelt but this plan appears to over look this ,in offering greenbelt land for development .

I am also concerned about the impact on wild life in the area,as well as the destruction of habitat . Overall it is an area which is well walked by people ,who enjoy and have an understanding of nature . There are deer, bats ,owls,crested newts , hawks, field mice etc. and many more in this green space

The site HG2-41 (4240) is used agricultural land and is known locally as Strawberry Fields . Every year many families not just from the local area spend hours picking fresh fruit and engage in the surrounding countryside

Again it is my understanding that the NPPF states that local Planning authorities should set out a strategic approach in their local Plans -planning positively for the creation ,protection,enhancement and management networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure .

Leeds City Council has a Core Strategy document which has been reviewed and approved by an independent inspector . They have identified the land between the A65 and the river Aire as 'Strategic Green Infrastructure ' enhancing its Greenbelt status .

The NPPF also states the Local Plan as
The Plan for the future development of local area drawn up by the local planning authority in consultation with the community .

As a Leeds householder , I have not received any communication about the Proposed Leeds Site Allocation Plan and Aire Valley Leeds Area Action Plan
I only became aware from a friend , who also gave me a response form which I found impossible to fill in even though it states Your City Your Plan , it certainly doesn't feel like that
I was able to attend a public meeting which again was not via Leeds City Council on 16th October.

Yours Faithfully

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