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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, we would like to formally object to the proposed development of the following 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

It is our understanding that the proposed development sites are NOT consistent with the national policy, specifically with regard to Green Belt. Leeds must continue to protect our Green Belt and greenfields. The fields and open green spaces, which are being proposed for development, are important to me because they are home to wildlife, who deserve to have their natural habit preserved. The green spaces are a tranquil place to reflect, in these stressful times and for us to exercise, unwind and teach future generations about natural beauty.

If the green spaces are to be wiped out, so too will the identity of the area, and it will become another identikit housing estate, devoid of personality and without the natural beauty which makes this area unique. It will be a terrible shame if the only way to show future generations how beautiful this area of Yorkshire is/was is through photographs and archive footage. These areas should be preserved so we can all enjoy them. I don't want to have to travel for miles to be able to enjoy our beautiful countryside for which this county is famed.

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 has insufficient 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 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). Our concerns include the issue of additional traffic/commuters making an already congested route worse (it can sometimes take up to 45 minutes to travel the 4 miles to work along the A65 from Horsforth to Leeds). Infrastructure/public services must first be considered and developed before heavily impacting on the lives of the current residents.

There are many brownfield sites which should be considered before building on our green belt is even contemplated. There are areas ripe for renovation and regeneration, which should also be considered and carried out prior to wiping out our beautiful greenbelt forever. Please keep us informed of the public examinations, submission of the plans and potential outcome of the review as we would like to retain our right to attend and speak.

Mr & Mrs Hannell