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Comments on "Leeds Site Allocation Plan

Site reference HG2 – 17 (1080 – 3367A) Breary Lane East, Bramhope LS16

Dear Sir

I am writing because I have heard that the land behind my home on Creskeld Lane has been allocated for housing and I would like to object to this plan.

My house is a 1930s style bungalow and I am concerned that no consideration has been given to the impact this proposed housing would have on existing properties in the immediate vicinity. My bungalow and other properties nearby could be overwhelmed by a new development.

My bungalow is in the conservation area of Bramhope. I think any housing on this site would adversely affect the conservation area because a modern housing development is unlikely to be in keeping with the existing environment and properties nearby and, also, aspects from the conservation area will be compromised. I understand that under the terms of the National Planning Policy Framework that these matters needed to be considered and if any development is found to be detrimental to the conservation area it should be stopped. I believe that, at the moment, this has been overlooked by the council when they have been deciding on housing allocations as any development will certainly destroy the rural environment and ambience of the conservation area which people currently enjoy.

I also believe that the proposed allocation is unsustainable because no reasoned thought has been given to the services and infrastructure the area would need for people coming to live in the houses. I think allocating this land for new housing would make Bramhope too big. It would increase the size of the village by 30% and put a strain on services. There are not enough school places or Doctors' surgeries for the people that live in Bramhope already without a big new development with all the new families that it will bring into the village. Allocating this site for housing would also mean an increase in traffic and the number of cars

which will make the roads in the area even busier than they are now. There would undoubtedly be increased congestion around the junction of the new access road to the proposed housing estate and the already busy A660. Overall I think it would change the character of Bramhope and change it from a village to just another suburb of Leeds.

I understand that the National Planning Policy Framework says that the council should consider issues like these. I would ask the council to look again at the allocation of this site for housing and the impact it would have on Bramhope and the surrounding area.

I have lived in Leeds for 90 years and in Bramhope for some 40 years and have seen many changes. I understand the need for change and development but it would be a travesty to develop this agricultural land and destroy the community of Bramhope with its rural environment which is such an asset to the Leeds community as a whole.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Creswick