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Dear Sirs,

I write to object to the Leeds Site Allocation Plan for several reasons as shown below.

1. The plan has not been objectively assessed
2. Specifically one third of the electorate who do not have on line facilities have been excluded. Surely when a proposal of this magnitude is on the cards the council should communicate directly with the electorate so that they can express a view.
3. The effectiveness of the plan and the timescale are optimistic and cannot be measured. Time will tell.
4. The plan is not consistent with the NPPF and National Planning Policy because Leeds City Council is not protecting the Green Belt. Green Belt is being destroyed by this plan and once destroyed it is forever. There is no need to do this as there are several sites available which are not in the Green Belt.

I understand that Green Belt land should only be used in exceptional circumstances and achieving targets is not in that category.

It is only very recently that I have become aware of the implications of this plan. Most of us have little involvement in local politics and the workings of local government. Consequently it is only when something receives prominent comment in the press, prompted by a specific issue that most of us know anything, late in the day that this may be. As stated above, without a mailing to all the rate payers, the council have failed to give adequate notification and a vast number have not been involved, as is a requirement.

I believe that the 2011 ONS Census should have been considered and thereby there would have been no reason to use the Green Belt as the target would have been reduced by tens of thousands of houses.

Neighbouring towns should not merge with one another. Looking at a map Guiseley (Leeds) merges with Menston (Bradford) as an example, but it is a local example for me, not exclusively so.

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A journey into Leeds shows that the recycling of derelict and urban land has not been used up.

At the time of surveys on the A65 Leeds City Council has not surveyed the traffic which attempts to avoid the present delays through Guiseley by diverting onto the road through the Queensway estate. The high number of proposed houses in Guiseley will add to this congestion. Although Menston is in the Bradford council area the failure to include the further additional traffic spilling onto the A65 resulting from their proposed housing plans is regrettable and significant.

Yours sincerely,

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