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DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT			
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Dear Sir or Madam,

RE: Leeds City Council's Plan for 5000 Houses Sturton Grange Garforth.

I would like to take this opportunity to write to the council regarding the proposed building of 5000 houses around Garforth.

The proposed site of Sturton Grange is a working farm and farmland. How can Leeds City Council contemplate building on productive arable land ? The proposed planning application, if passed, will be an extension of Garforth, and not a standalone community.

The lack of public services in Garforth is obvious and existing ones are under pressure. To book a doctor's appointment needs 3 – 4 working days notice and this will only increase with the addition to the local population. Where will the increase in services come from and who will pay ?

The main shopping area in Garforth, Main Street, is short of car parking leading to vehicles parking in residential streets off of Main Street. The main roads in and around Garforth at peak times are inadequate for the number of vehicles. Roads through certain estates are used as 'rat runs' by local motorists who avoid the main roads because of the congestion. A speed limit of 20 MPH exists but this is only observed by a minority. The congestion will only increase leading to more traffic using estate roads, increasing noise and pollution levels to the residents of Garforth. Leeds City Council are aware of the 'rat runs' and speeding motorists and should do something about it.

The proposed building of houses around Garforth will be a large estate. There are no plans for a school, community centre, or additional public services, and this will add pressure on the existing public services in Garforth to the detriment of existing and new residents. There is enough Brownfield land within the Leeds City Council's area to accommodate new housing where public services can be part of the proposals to provide first class services for its residents.

Yours faithfully

R I O'Donnell