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To whom it may concern,

REF: Objection to the proposed building of Houses on the Haightside site ref: HG2-173

I wish to register my non-support for the proposed building of 578 houses on Haightside at HG2-173.

We already endure the nightmare of traffic problems during school and work rush hours, getting out of St Georges Park, (and amongst other reasons) I cannot see how the addition of 578 homes is going to improve matters... It will simply become much worse! The highway infrastructure in the area is incapable of handling any more traffic. As usual, the plan on the face of it smacks of simply meeting targets and not what will result from poor planning in the first place....

Prior Planning Prevents Piss Poor Performance..... 6P's !

Rothwell has simply not got the infrastructure to cope with a development of this size.... It is stated (In the consultation doc) that the development is reliant on a development of the public transport system around the area including the NGT Trolleybus? I believe that the NGT is still yet to be agreed... and... won't be delivered on time, and I'm surmising that it will only come to fruition if the money can be found to fund it?

We moved into the "Rhubarb Triangle" thinking of how peaceful it would be in the area and we now find that you are planning to swipe away a fair chunk of DEFRA Grade 2 land, which should not be looked upon lightly, the green belt land of the area would be significantly reduced and wasted after years of developing the quality of the growing land with traditional "Shoddy" manure.

We also cannot see how you can build houses and expect people to live in a Pylon farm! There are overhead power cables skirting St Georges estate which would obviously run through the proposed development. We remember it being a concern of ours when we moved in and thought in the end that because we are a short distance away from them we would be ok, but I can imagine how keen people would be to live under them, irrespective of proof. Public opinion is that it can be dangerous and the noise that comes from them even where we are is quite shocking in a damp atmosphere..... they would love it... NOT! Obviously this doesn't affect the farming of the land as this can carry on regardless.

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Another issue we see is how are you going to school the children that would live there! There are simply no places in the schools, and are no plans to build a school around here! Doctors and Dentists are overloaded; we have to wait months sometimes to get appointments. I am in the belief that there was the offer of another area of land at Hope Farm off the A61 (Near the Angel Inn) but this was rejected? However, this would seem a better area to build and the plans included the provision of a primary school which would fit the need for schooling, not to mention easier access from the A61.

Finally, the Haighside land itself would be lost to the wildlife in the area. There is a public footpath through the middle, and streams, scrub and wooded areas would all be lost to the development. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) states that Green belt areas should not be altered unless in exceptional circumstances.... We do not feel that there are enough exceptional circumstances to warrant the loss of this area of Green Belt land and object to its release. There are simply too many reasons to keep it "as is".

Yours Sincerely

Paul Blakeborough.