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Dear Sir

Site Allocations Plan

With reference to your letter dated 16 September re the Leeds Local Development Framework (Local Plan), we believe that this plan is not sound as it does not agree with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). We also believe that it goes against Leeds' own Core Strategy. We therefore would like to submit the following points for consideration regarding the planned developments in Horsforth and Aireborough.

Brownfield site: HG2 – 7 we have no objection to this site being developed.

Greenfield sites: HG2 –9, HG2–10, HG2-41, HG2-42 and HG2-43 We wish to object to the development of these as they are greenfield sites which create open spaces and boundaries between existing settlements. Development would be in direct contradiction of

Checking the unrestricted sprawl of built up areas.

Preventing the neighbouring settlements of Yeadon, Rawdon and Horsforth from merging together.

Safeguarding the encroachment of the countryside.

With regard to areas HG3-2, HG3-3, HG3-4 and HG2-12, these sites are actually Green Belt, and are shown as Strategic Green Infrastructure in the Leeds Core Strategy. We believe these are due for consideration for development post 2028, and would quote from the document; Leeds Growth Strategy :

- 3.2 The distinctive settlement pattern within the Leeds District will be maintained and its character enhanced, whilst providing for and supporting new housing growth opportunities. The main urban area of Leeds will support

the diverse and distinctive communities that surround it, separated by agricultural land, woodland, valuable green spaces, habitats, and amenity areas.

We are not convinced that the above section 3:2 applies to these areas and object on the grounds that these proposed developments do not fulfil the above intention.

We would also like to bring to your attention further reasons for believing that the current proposals are unsound:

1. Most of the housing development appears to be in Green Belt in phases 1 & 2, which indicates that they will be allocated by the time of any review. On 3 Feb 2105 a Government spokesman, Mr R Lewis, stated that authorities cannot justify building on Green Belt to meet housing targets.
Regarding housing targets, the current target of ~70 000 is based on figures from 2008 and 2011 statistics indicate a population growth requiring ~48000.
2. Regarding the allocation of land, there are 157 Brownfield sites across Leeds which are not included in the plans. We believe these could accommodate 247,000 houses, for which the Government has set aside a substantial pot of money to aid development.
3. Horsforth Town Council, Rawdon Parish Council and Aireborough Neighbourhood Development Forum have not been consulted on the proposed plans.
4. Has the Leeds Authority had any consultations with adjoining authorities such as Bradford?
5. With regard to the types of housing proposed, what provision and guarantee is there that first time buyers will be provided for?

Finally:

- We are also concerned about the proposal to take up even more greenbelt land in order to provide road access to Leeds/Bradford Airport. This presumably would supply access to more housing development areas which are currently not considered accessible. We believe that the best access to the airport would be via a rail link from the existing Bramhope tunnel.
- Infrastructure along the A65 trunk route is already inadequate in relation to provision of schools, doctors, dentists, the current incapacity of road links etc., which would become far worse with increased housing capacity.

Yours faithfully

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