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Dear Sir,

I wish to place on record my objections to the published Leeds Site Allocation plans. In particular HG2-42(4240) the Strawberry Fields to Rawdon Crematorium site, HG2-43(1016) fields at Broadway and Calverley Lane, and HG43(5009) the conservation area at Park Lane College Campus Horsforth.

I believe that to build on these green belt areas contravenes the National Planning Policy Framework. In addition Leeds is basing its ongoing housing needs on outdated information, which now suggests that there will be reduced housing needs in the future. To continue with these developments will lead to oversupply of housing in the Leeds area with new and existing housing standing vacant or unsold for the lack of buyers. This in turn could lead to a slow down in the economy locally.

To continue to build on the greenfield sites when so much brownfield is available is criminal. The brownfield sites should be developed first and then we may see regeneration of land within our cities which has been derelict for so long which in turn encourages anti social activities such as fly tipping. This development of the greenfield sites extends the urban sprawl and destroys the breathing spaces between our villages and towns, robs the wildlife of access to extensive corridors necessary for their survival, which is precarious enough as it is with the existing development, traffic and associated pollution.

In the Horsforth area alone if all these developments are allowed there will be an extra 1500 or more houses built. Where are the school places and doctors surgeries to come from with an extra 6000 more people and possibly another 3000 more cars using the roads in the peak times. Extra congestion will lead to poorer air quality for those who live adjacent to or in these areas both in the short term with the building of such developments and afterward with all the extra traffic created.

The more development you permit in the immediate catchment area of the river Aire as it passes through the valley the more you will contribute to flooding further down the valley due to the increased runoff and lack of water retention by the land built on.

Yours Sincerely

Stephen Fairclough,