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Leeds City Council  
Planning Department

Dear Sirs

**Re: LDF Publication Draft Consultation, Leeds Site Allocation Plan Section HG-2-1 (3026), New Birks Farm, Ings Lane, Guiseley**

We wish to object to the above planning application in the strongest terms possible.

Whilst we understand the ever-increasing demand for residential dwellings, Guiseley has over the last two decades, in terms of housing developments, expanded beyond recognition. Indeed, what was previously a separate town from Leeds has become part of the Leeds conurbation.

The Guiseley greenbelt has been systematically eradicated by Leeds City Council.

It is only the land at Birks farm which physically separates Guiseley and Menston. To build any houses on this land would eradicate their separate identities.

Also, with reference to the local infrastructure, which is already at breaking-point, where are the potential residents going to attain, for example, dental and medical treatment? In addition, where will the children of these potential residents attend school?

Further, the traffic in Guiseley is at peak times, particularly weekends, gridlocked. Building more houses will only add to the already horrific problems.

Finally, the *Wharfedale Line*, especially the Leeds train is already overcrowded. Given that the vast majority of the potential residents will at locations which involve utilising the A65 corridor, or in Leeds city centre, this will add to the already chaotic travel experience.

Faithfully

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