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11th November 2015

Dear Sir,

Site Allocation Consultation, Rawdon

The plan is not sound because it does not agree with the NPPF and it also goes against Leeds own Core Strategy, therefore, I wish to put forward the following points for consideration, in respect of the planned developments in the Horsforth, Rawdon and Yeadon areas.

- With regard to the development of brownfield sites, listed, I have no objection: HG2 – 7
- With regard to the following, currently designated Green field sites: HG2 –9, HG2–10, HG2-41, HG2-42 and HG2-43 I wish to register my objections on the grounds that these are greenfield sites creating open space and boundaries between existing settlements, in direct contradiction of:
 - Checking the unrestricted sprawl of built up areas.
 - Preventing neighbouring settlements, 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 are actually Green Belt, and are shown as Strategic Green Infrastructure in Leeds Core Strategy; these are due for consideration for development post 2028, and I quote from your own 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.

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

I also wish 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 irrevocably, by the time of any review. Recently, 3 Feb 2105, a Government spokesman, Mr R Lewis stated that authorities cannot justify building on Green Belt to meet housing targets.
2. With reference to housing targets, the current target of ~70 000 is based on out of date figures (2008) and more recent statistics (2011) indicate a population growth requiring ~48000.
3. Regarding the allocation of land, there are 157 Brownfield sites across Leeds, not included in the plans, which could accommodate 247 000 houses, for which the Government has set aside a substantial pot of money to aid development.
4. Horsforth Town Council, Rawdon Parish Council and Aireborough Neighbourhood Development Forum have not been consulted on the proposed plans.
5. Has Leeds Authority had any consultations with adjoining authorities e.g Bradford?
6. With regard to the types of housing proposed, what provision and guarantee is there that first time buyers will be provided for?

Finally:

- A related concern is the proposal to take up even more greenbelt land to provide road access to the Leeds/Bradford Airport. This presumably and implicitly, would supply access to more housing development areas, currently not considered accessible. Access to the airport should be considered 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 be under even more duress, with increased housing capacity.

Yours faithfully,

Diana M Davis (Mrs)