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Dear Sir,

Ref: Leeds City Council Site Allocation Plan, Rawdon

I am writing to voice my objections to the proposed plan as it goes against the Leeds Core Strategy and the NPPF on a number of grounds. I therefore consider it to be unsound for the following reasons.

Greenbelt:

It has been recently stated in Parliament that development of designated Greenbelt cannot be justified to meet housing demand. Some of the land in phases 1 and 2 are actually in Greenbelt and therefore should not be considered for development, even post 2028. These areas are HG3-2, HG3-3, HG3-4 and HG2-12.

Greenfield sites:

This is contrary to Core Strategy which states that such sites are to check the unrestricted sprawl of built up areas and hence prevent neighbouring built up areas from merging together; and they are to prevent the gradual encroachment of the open countryside. Such sites are listed as : HG2 -9, HG2-10, HG2-41, HG2-42 and HG2-43

Brownfield sites

I have no objection to Brownfield sites being developed. In fact, I understand that there are in excess of 150 such sites across Leeds which could adequately accommodate all the proposed housing that Leeds deems necessary; and the Government has set aside money for development to take place on such sites.

In relation to the number of houses proposed (70,000) I consider this another reason for the current proposed plans to be unsound, as this figure is not based on more recent available data, which suggests closer to 48,000 houses.

With regard to housing development that is to take place within the Leeds area, what consultation has taken place with neighbouring districts? On a more local scale, what consultation has Leeds City Council conducted with local groups such as Town Councils and other interested groups, such as Aireborough Neighbourhood Forum?

The Greenbelt areas are vital in maintaining the nature of our current environment, and the Greenfield areas are vital in maintaining a cohesive community and providing much needed and appreciated areas for communal enjoyment, currently looked after by our farming neighbours.

Yours faithfully,

Christopher Davis