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OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT
ALONG THE A-65 HORSFORTH TO YEADON

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I most strongly object to the proposed development for the following reasons: -

1. Total destruction of the established Green Belt.
This is contrary to the N.P.P.F, which dedicates a whole chapter (out of a total of 13) - "Protecting the Green Belt". "The Government attaches great importance to Green Belt --- to prevent urban sprawl by keeping land permanently open --- open spaces + permanence --- once established green belt boundaries should only be altered in exceptional circumstances --- inappropriate development is by definition harmful and should not be approved except in very special circumstances".
Thus the proposal to use Green Belt in the Local Plan is not consistent with national policy. Using Green Belt before brown sites

is civil destruction

2. The N.P.P.F. forward refers to the environmental role of sustainable development, and the massive destruction of long Green Belt areas will destroy precious flora - fauna. Local planning authorities are required to plan "positively" for the creation, protection, enhancement and management of networks of bio-diversity, and green infrastructure", Leeds, in its Core Strategy (and to its credit) identified land between the A65 & the River Aire as "strategic green infrastructure" - & yet now proposes to build on it, thus going against the core strategy.
3. The proposed areas are dear to the hearts of the residents of Horsforth, Rawdon, Mydton - further afield. They are a source of health and wellbeing & recreation, and study. They are close enough to areas of dense population to be accessed by many - on foot from home & school. Beautiful mature trees - some protected, wildlife, wetlands, farms, ancient stone walls will disappear under a sea of concrete, tarmac & bricks

This is an area vital to health and wellbeing, now and even more so, in the future. 3.

4. The Council has not yet revisited its housing target of 70,000 - a revised cost number suggests it should be closer to 45,000, thus little need to destroy Green Belt.

5. The A65 Harforth to Guiseley has wonderful views, an outstanding approach to Leeds - to be destroyed by the very Council elected to protect, and enhance, the City.

In Conclusion Thus the plan is not sound - the choices of sites are not "justified" - it is destructive and lacks evidence of alternatives. It fails to agree with the policies of the N.P.P.F. - in fact it appears to totally ignore the framework, it is not positively prepared because it does not agree with the Core Strategy regarding "strategic green infrastructure".

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