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Bramhope,
Leeds LS16 9AZ.
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LDF Publication Draft Consultation,
Forward planning and implementation,
The Leonardo Building,
2 Rossington Street,
Leeds, LS2 8HD

Dear Leeds city council, Site HG2 – 15 (3400))

I would like to object to the planning application for site HG2 – 15 (3400)

The site allocation plan is unsound. Site HG2 – 15 (3400) is not a correct site for a housing development on the following grounds:

1. **The proposed plan for 74,000 properties is too high.** According to the 2011 census Leeds has not grown in population as anticipated therefore, current planning is too high. Although there are 35,000 more new jobs in Leeds half the people filling these positions do not live in Leeds. Therefore, a **more appropriate target would be 66,000 properties.** This target could be met through the use of existing brown field sites.
2. **LCC has a policy of "brown field sites first"** This is not a brown field site. LCC hasn't explained why they can't build the proposed number of properties on brown field sites within Leeds.
3. **LCC has not provided substantive reasons for proposing to build on green belt.** According to government guidelines, there should be no inappropriate development harmful to greenbelt. The proposed development would destroy greenbelt.
4. **The site is not sustainable.** The proposed build of 42 properties would potentially add a further 200+ residents to the population of Bramhope and an additional 100+ cars. The **local roads are not capable of accommodating this increase.** Old Lane is already very heavily used. The high volume of traffic has wreaked carnage on local wildlife and local pets. Numerous cats have been killed. At least 4 dogs have been killed, including a Labrador. **Children crossing to play on the recreational ground are constantly under threat of being mown down too.** The level of danger to local children would escalate significantly if an additional 100 vehicles became regular users of Old Lane.
5. **The proposal to create a link road is also not justifiable.** The local wildlife has been decimated across the 30 years I have lived in Bramhope. Hedgehogs have all but been eradicated as a result of slaughter on the local roads. The hedgehog population nationally has been decimated to the point that hedgehogs are becoming a threatened species. **The construction of further highways would compound the threat**

to local wildlife destroying valuable habitat leaving a barren wildlife environment for future generations.

6. The infrastructure is not in place to accommodate the increase in population which would result from this build. **The local primary school would be unable to provide places for the large influx of children 42 homes could bring.** The local primary school and health care facilities within the village are already full to capacity. This would mean health care and education would have to be provided elsewhere. Furthermore, as there are no employment prospects locally new residents would be forced to go further afield to meet daily needs.

In summary the proposal to build on site HG2 – 15 (3400) is neither justifiable nor sustainable. It is an inappropriate site for housing construction. Therefore, I would ask that the building plan for HG2- 15 (3400) is rejected.

I AM 87 YEARS OLD. I AM PASSIONATE ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF SECURING BRITISH GREENBELT AND GEEN FIELD SITES FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS. PLEASE DO NOT DESTROY THE BRITISH COUNTRYSIDE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS. ALTERNATIVE BROWNFIELD SITES WITHIN LEEDS SHOULD BE UTILISED AND COULD ACCOMMODATE THE NUMBER OF PROPERTIES DESIGNATED FOR THIS SITE.

Yours faithfully