



5. The Council's previous assessments of site concluded that it was unsuitable for housing development. These assessments had given local residents confidence that the site would therefore be protected from development.
6. The site owners (Leeds Rugby Limited) offer to use the proceeds from housing to contribute to the cost of improvements at Headingley Stadium is not a legitimate reason to remove Green Belt status given that:
  - a. the improvements to the stadium are unrelated to the development of the Weetwood site, as acknowledged by the Council's own Officers;
  - b. if the allocation establishes the principle of development, then the offer is irrelevant. As this is the only basis on which the site is now being proposed for housing designation, and Green Belt boundaries changed, the planning process is unsound.
  - c. there is no certainty that such proceeds from the site development would result in the stadium improvements going ahead given the overall level of funding required.
7. There is no need for the site to be designated for housing. The Council's own analysis has confirmed that there is no shortage of housing land supply in this part of the city.

I trust that you will carefully consider my objections in your considerations on the site.

Yours faithfully

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