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Dear Sirs,

**Leeds City Council Site Allocation Consultation.**

I wish to lodge my objections to Leeds' Plan and the use of Green Belt Land for the following reasons:-

- 1. The proposed use of Green Belt land for housing development is inconsistent with paragraphs, 79, 80, 82, 87 of the NPPF. The Government states that Green Belt are essential to prevent urban sprawl by keeping land permanently open.**
- 2. The NPPF also states that local planning should MINIMISE the impact on biodiversity. (see Chapter 11 of NPPF :109)**
- 3. Sites HG2-12, HG3-3, HG3-4 are all UK Biodiversity Action Plan Priority Habitats – and should NEVER be developed. Again, inconsistent with NPPF.**
- 4. HG3-3 contains a Native Bluebell wood and HG3-2 is adjacent to UK BAP Priority Habitat pond with palmate newts. AGAIN – SHOULD NEVER BE DEVELOPED. Again- inconsistent the NPPF**
- 5. Leeds Core Strategy defines Green Belt to be permanently open or largely undeveloped and yet the plan appears to be targeting this very area, instead of looking to Brownfield sites in other areas of the City – which would be in keeping with national strategy.**
- 6. Leeds City Council has overestimated the need for housing and is using obsolete target figures. This is inconsistent with the national policy and Leeds Core Strategy. The figures should be revised and future planning adjusted accordingly.**
- 7. There would also be a devastating loss of valuable Grade 3 Agricultural land in HG2-12, HG3-2 and HG2-41. These areas a regularly farmed. HG3-3 is a family smallholding and an apiary. All extremely valuable to the environment with regard to food production and wildlife habitat.**

Finally, in summation, there have been errors in the methodology of assessments of the impact of green belt development. No thorough review, as required under the Core Strategy.

- 2. The flooding in the area has not been taken into consideration**
- 3. The loss of public recreational amenity has been ignored - Leeds Country Way, walking, horse-riding, cycling etc.**
- 4. The A65, already at capacity during peak times, would become gridlocked and dangerous. (the "improvements" at Broadway roundabout have done nothing to speed up traffic flow)**
- 5. There appears to have been no liaison with Bradford council regarding their proposed developments, which would impact on the A65.**
- 6. There are not enough school places in the area and local public services, such as GPs, would be put under extreme pressure.**
- 7. Brownfield Sites in other areas of the city MUST be developed before greenbelt land in accordance with LCC Core Strategy.**

**The development is not legally compliant, not positively prepared and not in accordance with the NPPF.**

**Yours sincerely,**

**Joanne Mutch.**