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44, Haighside Close
Rothwell

Leeds LS26 out

11/11/15

Dear Leeds City Council,

Ref: Site HG2-173

CITY OF LEEDS DEPARTMENT			
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We do not support the proposed allocation of the Haighside site ref as above for future development and believe the plan to be unsound.

Access to the proposed site through Low Shops Lane is rather ridiculous, as this is part of a residential development with no open spaces for children so an increase in through traffic would significantly raise the risk of road accidents. At present the streets on this development have only a small amount of local traffic (residents) and are not suitable as a major access to an even larger development.

There is already considerable traffic congestion leaving Wood Lane towards Leeds each morning and similarly each evening. The road infrastructure is not suitable for a considerable increase in traffic as it is struggling to cope as things are at present.

We have real problems already, obtaining G.P. appointments and it is common to be given appointments for two weeks hence, which is unacceptable, generally advised to go to Walk in Clinics which is wholly inappropriate. There are no indications of any plans to introduce anymore G.P. facilities into the local area.

For a Site which is planned to have over 500 homes

it would be absolutely necessary to include school/nursery developments for the area, as there undoubtedly will be many families involved. This aspect does not appear to be mentioned in the plan and should be a major part of pre planning.

The area at the end of how shops lane is currently natural habitat, with woodland, and a water course running through, which is prone to flooding and an area of boggy land around. This is the only open piece of land in the area at present, it is unsuitable for building land and the removal of woodland is detrimental to the area and residents.

There are electricity pylons placed throughout the land.

There are more suitable local sites, with better access and these would not necessitate spoiling any natural habitat. I understand the site of Hope Farm has been submitted as a possible site by the landowner. This has much better access, Wakefield Road is more suitable to accept more traffic than Wood Lane which is already a bottleneck.

This site has a school included in the plan which is essential for such a large development.

Very serious consideration should be given to the provision of local medical services.

An area of open space should also be incorporated into the plan, which is in a safe area (away from water).

We urge the council to remove Site HQ2-173 from the plan and consider the Hope Farm Site

Yours faithfully