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RE: LSAP & AVLAPP – FORMAL OBJECTIONS MADE DURING PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Dear Sir/Madam

As a lifelong resident of Horsforth I wish to register my strong objection to the proposed development of greenbelt land in Horsforth, and in particular to the planning reference below:

HG2 – 41 (4240) – The fields south of the A65

Exceptional Circumstances: The National Planning Policy Framework, (NPPF), says that greenbelt should be protected and should only be built on in exceptional circumstances. There is nothing exceptional about these plans to merit building on unspoilt land just to enable the Council to achieve their current housing targets. The council's adoption of the self imposed Core Housing Strategy cannot be considered to be an exceptional set of circumstances, but is just part of their scheduled housing policy plan.

Traffic: Despite the recent so called improvements to the two roundabouts at Horsforth and Rodley, the extra traffic from the proposed one thousand extra houses will cause absolute chaos in the surrounding areas and, with the proposed extra houses, the current chaotic traffic situation can only get worse.

Prioritisation Of Greenbelt Over Brown Field: The NPPF also says that brown field sites are to be prioritised for development over greenbelt yet these plans for greenbelt development have been chosen over all the other brown field land across the area.

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Loss Of Community Identity: Any development of these greenbelt sites will lead to the merging of communities which goes directly against what the NPPF says. They state that merging of communities should be prevented. The greenbelt sites earmarked for development presently keep Horsforth, Rawdon and Rodley separate, each with their own identity. With another 1000 houses these areas will totally lose their individual community identity.

Have you also taken into account that a new office block is opening shortly in Horsforth that will employ over 500 people and also that Trinity University, Horsforth, is intending to increase its student population by 1000 over the next five years? This, and the additional population brought on by greenbelt development, can only lead to more pressure being put on all the roads in Horsforth.

I hope that you are able to take note of the above and other points and help us to save these greenbelt sites for future generations.

Yours Faithfully

Paul Buckley