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HIGHWAY DEVELOPMENT			
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63 West End Drive

Horsforth

Leeds LS18 5JR

11th November 2015

RE: LEEDS SITE ALLOCATION PLANS - FORMAL OBJECTION

Dear Sir / Madam, as part of the Leeds Site Allocation Plan public consultation process, I would like to formally object to the proposed development of the following sites:

HG2-41 (4240) - Fields South of A65 from Horsforth & Rawdon RA to crematorium

HG2-42 (1016) - Fields at Broadway and Calverley Lane, Horsforth

HG2-43 (5009) - Fields at Horsforth College Campus

These are green field sites which I feel it is important to protect and I understand that building on them would NOT be consistent with the national policy. Furthermore if we continue to build on every available space in Horsforth we will be left with no open areas and Horsforth will lose its individual character and just merge into the rest of Leeds (ref. Adopted Core Strategy (Map 3, Settlement Hierarchy). The fields south of the A65 are particularly important to the local community. Like many local families my son and I go strawberry picking there every year, it's a valuable rural space within quick and easy reach of our home. My son also plays football at the nearby Clariant sports field which is a lovely setting for his matches. Not only would the views from this site be ruined if those fields were built on but in the long term I fear that that piece of land would also end up being developed.

These sites should continue to be part of Leeds' 'Strategic Green Infrastructure' as identified in the Adopted Core Strategy.

It is my understanding that the proposed development sites are NOT consistent with the national policy, specifically with regard to infrastructure. Leeds has insufficient policies in place to address the issues that these developments will generate. Development and infrastructure requirements must be considered side by side.

One of my major concerns is the traffic on the ring road. Recent 'improvements' to the roundabout at the junction of the A65 and the ring road actually seem to have slowed down traffic. I work in Morley so use that route every day. I just cannot see how that road can take extra traffic and as there are no points nearby where you can cross the canal and river there aren't any alternative routes. I don't believe that Leeds has a plan for, or the resources available to resolve this particular issue. Another concern is the availability of school places, Horsforth schools are already at capacity *and* the recent development of 300+ houses on the former Clariant site are not even finished yet.

Please keep me informed of the public examinations, submission of the plans and potential outcome of the review as I would like to retain my right to attend and speak.

Yours faithfully,

ANNE MOORBY.