

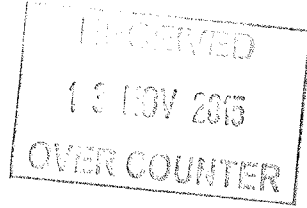
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Dear Sirs,

LEEDS DRAFT SITE ALLOCATIONS PLAN CONSULTATION 2015.

After considering information provided about the above consultation, I wish to object to the loss of Green Belt at this stage of the Local Plan; taking land out of Green Belt should not be done before the Leeds Local Plan has reached its halfway point on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020, after a formal review of its progress. This is to avoid unnecessary loss of Green Belt if the rate of new development, especially the building of dwellings, falls well short of LDF Core Strategy target numbers.

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) paragraph 79 says "the essential characteristics of Green Belts are their openness and their permanence"; para 83 says "once established, Green Belt boundaries should only be altered in exceptional circumstances, through the preparation or review of the Local Plan. At that time, authorities should consider the Green Belt boundaries having regard to their intended permanence in the long term, so that they should be capable of enduring beyond the plan period". Leeds City Council must take this into account.

(Signed)...

Also, I wish to make comments on the following individual sites which are identified by name and by Site Allocations' Plan reference number if they have one.

IN MY FOLLOWING COMMENTS I AM REFERRING TO HG2-147

1. LACK OF ANY EXTRA CAPACITY ON THE VILLAGE ROADS- ALREADY AT CAPACITY ESPECIALLY AT RUSH HOUR DUE TO RESIDENTS AND TRAFFIC USING GILDERSOME AS A CUT THROUGH. THE BRANCH END CROSSROADS IS EVEN NOW GETTING OVER-LOADED ESPECIALLY AT RUSH HOUR AND TO PUT EVEN MORE VEHICLES ON IT IS MADNESS.

2. THE FIELD BEHIND HIGHFIELD DRIVE HAS IN THE PAST BEEN MINED WITH DAY PITS AND UNFORTUNATELY THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO KNEW WHERE THEY WERE SITUATED HAVE PASSED ON

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SADLY, THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME THAT SOMEBODY CONSIDERED BUILDING ON THIS LAND AND LAST TIME IT APPEARED THAT AFTER THIS KNOWLEDGE, THEY DECIDED NOT TO PRESS ON WITH THEIR APPLICATION.

THE FIELD ALSO HAS A STEEPENING ANGLE ONCE IT MOVES AWAY FROM THE EXISTING HOUSES AND HEADS DOWN TOWARDS LEEDS WHICH RAISES ISSUES ABOUT WATER DRAINAGE AND SOIL REMOVAL AFFECTING THE EXISTING HOUSES AT THE TOP OF THE HILL.

ALSO ANY BUILDINGS THAT WERE BUILT WOULD RUIN AN OUTSTANDING VIEW FOR THE RESIDENTS THERE. ADDITIONALLY WOULD ANY HOUSES BE BUILT FOR LOCAL PEOPLE OR WOULD THEY BE 'EXECUTIVE HOUSES' THAT LOCAL PEOPLE TRYING TO GET ON THE PROPERTY<sup>LADDER</sup> WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO AFFORD.

ONE THING I WISH TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO IS THAT THERE APPEARS TO BE NO MAP OR PLAN OF THE DAY-PITS SO NOBODY KNOWS WHERE THEY ARE SITUATED OR THEIR ORIENTATION.

3. THERE IS AN ABUNDANCE OF WILDLIFE IN THIS AREA, FOXES, LAPWINGS, NEWTS, MOGGHOFS, FROGS AND TOADS WHICH WOULD BE AFFECTED BY ANY BUILDING WORK.

4. ROAD SAFETY ISSUES - THE CHICANE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE VILLAGE ALREADY AFFECTS TRAFFIC, WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF EVEN MORE TRAFFIC WAS FUNNELLED THROUGH THIS DUE TO THIS AREA ALREADY BEING USED AS A RAT RUN BY THROUGH TRAFFIC.