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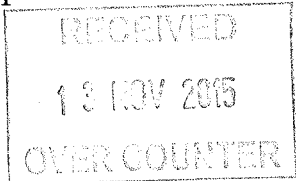
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Dear Sirs,

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 1st 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.

HCE2 - 147 (1200 A) LAND HIGHFIELD DRIVE
THE ROAD AND PAVEMENT ON THIS STREET ARE OVER-RUN WITH
CARS - PARKING NEAR YOUR OWN HOUSE AT PRESENT IS DIFFICULT.
THERE IS NO ADEQUATE ENTRANCE/EXIT AREA TO THE PROPOSED
DEVELOPMENT AREA. MORE HOUSES WILL MAKE DRIVING AND
PARKING A NIGHTMARE. THIS WILL BE WORSE FOR EMERGENCY
VEHICLES TRYING TO GET TO AN EMERGENCY CALL IN THIS AREA
THERE ARE OLD PINES ON THE DEVELOPMENT SITE BUT NO ONE
KNOWS WHERE THEY ARE OR WHERE THEY RUN TO. BUILDING
WORK ON THIS SITE MAY BE HAZARDOUS FOR US IN THE VICINITY.

Note: comments can be sent on-line to www.leeds.co.uk/yourcity, or by e-mail to sap@leeds.gov.uk. Comments, whether electronic or on paper, must be received by Leeds not later than 5pm on Monday 16th November 2015. Preferably, comments should quote the reference number and name of the allocation site to which they refer, if it has any, such as HG2-149, Laneside Farm. There is no limit to the number of sites which can be commented on. Please continue overleaf and add more sheets of paper if needed. Anonymous comments cannot be accepted by Leeds, so always give clearly your name and postal or e-mail address.

THE LAST TIME A DEVELOPMENT PLAN WAS APPLIED FOR ON THIS SITE IT WAS REJECTED BECAUSE OF CONCERNS OVER ACCESS / EXIT FACILITIES FOR THE SITE. THERE WERE ALSO MAJOR CONCERNS WITH REGARDS TO SEWERAGE / WATER FACILITIES FOR THE SITE.

AT RUSH HOUR IT IS DIFFICULT ENOUGH TO GAIN ACCESS TO OR GET OUT OF MICHFIELD DRIVE DUE TO THE VOLUME OF TRAFFIC GOING THROUGH THE VILLAGE. MORE HOUSES WILL INCREASE TRAFFIC CONGESTION AROUND THE LOCAL AREA.

THE DOCTORS AT PRESENT ARE STRUGGLING TO LOOK AFTER THE PATIENTS ALREADY ON THEIR BOOKS AND IT IS QUITE DIFFICULT TO GET APPOINTMENTS. THIS SITUATION WILL GET WORSE WITH MORE HOUSES AROUND OUR VILLAGE.

THE LOCAL SCHOOLS ARE OVERSUBSCRIBED AND SOME OF THE PARENTS WHO HAVE LIVED IN THE VILLAGE FOR A LONG TIME CAN'T GET THEIR CHILDREN INTO EITHER OF THE LOCAL SCHOOLS WHICH MEANS THEY HAVE TO TRAVEL FURTHER A FIELD FOR THEIR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION THUS INCREASING TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN THE VILLAGE. GREEN BELT LAND SHOULD BE LEFT ALONE. THERE IS PLenty OF BROWN BELT LAND WHICH SHOULD BE BUILT ON FIRST

MICHAEL WHITNEY (SR)