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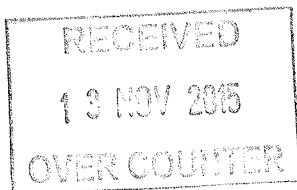
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DATE 11/11/2015



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)

Ref. HG2-147

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.

Further to our letter sent to you in 2013 we now reiterate our strongest objections to the use of greenbelt land for new construction projects when brownfield sites could be utilised to fulfil the requirements, furthermore action to improve the infrastructure during our 47 years of living in Gildersome has been minimal. The main road through Gildersome is now just a short cut between Geldard road and Whitehall road with queues of all manner of vehicles, HGV's etc creating danger around schools and play areas. We also cannot comprehend the proposal for housing on Asquith Avenue which is and will become even more busy following the development of a new industrial estate on the opposite side of the road. Geldard Road and Branch End could not possibly cope with all the additional commercial and private traffic. Schools and doctors surgeries would not be able to cope with the additional influx of new residents. With regard to the proposed 'Highfield Development' there would be no suitable access possible for an additional 76 plus vehicles using the street which is already very congested. The proposed greenfield development, ie Highfield Drive houses all manner of wildlife (which would be lost) ie peewits, squirrels, foxes, hares and hedgehogs not to mention horses from the nearby riding stables.

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.