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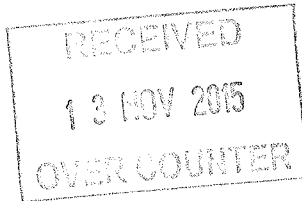
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DATE 11/11/2015

RE HG2-147



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.

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED SHEET.

Note: comments can be sent on-line to [www.leeds.co.uk/yourcity](http://www.leeds.co.uk/yourcity), or by e-mail to [sap@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:sap@leeds.gov.uk). Comments, whether electronic or on paper, must be received by Leeds not later than 5pm on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **REF. HG2-147 AND OTHERS AROUND GILDERSOME AREA**

Highfield Drive is narrower than most roads. There are a lot of terrace houses which don't have driveways. Residents have to park vehicles half on the road and half on the pavements otherwise some vehicles i.e. bin wagons, fire engines and ambulances, cannot get through.

1. Highfield Drive is narrower than most roads as there are a lot of terrace houses which do not have driveways. Cars have to be parked half way on the road and halfway on the pavements so that larger vehicles, i.e. bin wagons, fire engines, ambulances etc cannot get through.
2. Schools in this area are over-subscribed.
3. Gildersome Health Centre (Doctors) is also struggling to cope with increased numbers.
4. The local drains, particularly top water, back up on a regular basis and flood the centre of the village.
5. The traffic in peak times backs up down the main roads.
6. We have massive amounts of commercial properties in this area and others are being built on the A62 which will cause more traffic holdups.
7. This site was used in the past for obtaining coal and has capped mine shafts and some coal galleries underneath this field.
8. I object with great concern to the use of green belt areas instead of brown field sites in Leeds, of which there are many. It will need Leeds Council to push hard for this instead of trying to put the emphasis on green belt sites in the south of Leeds. We need these green corridors to stop the urban sprawl. In the future we may need these green belt sites to grow food.
9. We have several types of wildlife around this area including foxes, hares, rabbits, hedgehogs, frogs and what is believed to be the smooth newt or common newt. The use of green belt in this area can do nothing but harm to these types of animals.