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Dear Sir or Madam

I am commenting on the Leeds Site Allocation Plans in the Holforth area.

In particular I wish to register my objection to the proposals for the following sites:

- * HG2-41
- * HG2-42
- * HG2-43
- * HG2-12
- * HG3-2; HG3-3; HG3-4

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I believe that the proposal to include these development sites in the Local Plan is not consistent with the national policy on Green Belt, as laid out in the NPPF. I quote:

- * "Once established, Green Belt boundaries should only be altered in exceptional circumstances" (Para. 83)
- * "As with previous Green Belt policy, inappropriate development, is, by definition, harmful to the Green Belt and should not be approved except in very special circumstances" (Para. 87)

I do not believe that there are "exceptional" or "very special" circumstances which justify the inclusion of the above sites in the plan, particularly as there is some considerable debate about the accuracy of the forecasts for housing requirements.

Horsforth already suffers from major traffic problems on the A65, and building more houses near that road will exacerbate these problems, to the detriment of local residents. We are awaiting the full impact of the major development on the ex-blown site.

For the health and general well-being of any community, it is essential that sufficient green space is available and the "strawberry fields" site (H62-41) in particular, has fulfilled that role for me and my family for many years.

In summary, I believe that if these proposals were to go ahead, there would be a very detrimental impact on the local environment, for generations to come. Accordingly, I urge that these proposals be declined.

Yours faithfully

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