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Dear Sir

Leeds Site Allocations Plan Pool in Wharfedale

I enclose my objections to the site allocation plan for Pool in Wharfedale

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DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT			
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Future Potential Housing Development in Pool

Site reference Land at Old Pool Bank

Plan ref. SHLAA HG3-5 1095B -1369 Area 23.1 Capacity 540

I consider this site unsuitable for development and oppose the plan to develop 540 houses in Pool as this is an erosion of the green belt and for the following reasons

TRAFFIC

There is already a serious traffic problem in Pool. The Main Street is so narrow in some parts that lorries cannot pass one another without mounting the pavement and several incidents have occurred causing injuries to pedestrians.

Traffic from North Yorkshire and the Harrogate area enters Pool over the River Wharfe bridge - near the Shell garage junction and at peak times there is always congestion at this point.

The proposed expansion of Leeds Bradford Airport will also impact on Pool with an increase of traffic down Pool Bank and also the infamous "rat run" down Old Pool Bank. This is a steep and narrow road and was never intended to take the lorries and heavy vehicles that continually use it, probably directed by "sat navs"

The A659 from Pool to Otley would be affected by the proposed development and this road floods frequently in bad weather in fact flood notices are there currently due to the heavy rain

SSUPPORT SERVICES

The shops in Pool are inadequate to support a further influx of housing, just a Post Office and a Chemist. There are no Doctors Surgeries in Pool.

SCHOOLS

Pool school is oversubscribed at the present time and to my knowledge children from the village have to attend schools in the Weeton/Huby North Rigton area because there is no room for them at Pool School

TRANSPORT

There is limited access to public transport and no direct bus service to Leeds to enable people who work there to commute.

ENVIROMENTAL ISSUES

A further housing development would damage the whole area in that it would afford a loss of agricultural land and have an adverse effect on the Pool conservation area. The large Redrow estate, built some years ago made a considerable impact on the village and the traffic from this, which has increased over the years, has only the one access that opens on to Pool Bank again causing major traffic problems at peak times.