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LDF Publication Draft Consultation  
Forward Planning + Implementation  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: LDF Publication Draft Allocation Plan

I wish to voice my objections with regard to the proposed development of greenbelt and greenfield sites, in particular:

- HG2-41 South of A65 from Horsforth + Rawdon RA to crematorium
- HG2-43 Horsforth Campus
- HG2-45 Saint Joseph's

I do not consider the Leeds Site Allocation Plan to be sound.

1. The plan is not justified.

- LCC have not done a comprehensive Green Belt review as was asked for by the inspector of the Core Strategy. They have only reviewed Green Belt sites which were selected for development.
- The brown field sites are not yet exhausted in all areas of the city - these should be prioritised over the development of green field and certainly greenbelt sites.
- LCC have not involved communities in the drawing up of their plans.

2. The plan is not positively prepared.

- The A65 is already severely congested and it is difficult to reach the necessary facilities in the total area; adding over a thousand extra houses will cause gridlock and increase accidents.
- For each site Leeds has assessed what infrastructure is present now, i.e. how far the site is away from a school, bus stop, doctor's surgery etc. but made no recommendation as to what needs to be put in place to accommodate the new households.
- The current housing target of over 70,000 properties is not in line with the latest 2014 figures from the Office of National Statistics which show a need of only 46,000 new homes.

3. The plan is not effective.

- It would appear that Leeds and Bradford are not collaborating when planning where housing is to be built in terms of roads and traffic congestion. Developments in Menston, Burley and Apperley Bridge will all impact on the A65 + not enough consideration is being given to this.

NPF states that merging of communities is to be prevented, yet development of these sites will mean that Horsforth, Rausden + Rodley will lose their individual identities.

The proposed development would adversely impact on trees and a great array of wildlife including bats, owls, hawks and deer.

Green open space is very precious to the people living in the area and is beneficial to our health and well-being. The site along the A65 provides views of the natural landscape stretching along the Aire Valley right up towards Shirley Cten. If developed on, this connection with the natural environment will be lost forever.

4. RCC have not fulfilled their duty of community involvement.

I was informed of the 8 week consultation period and the fact that LCC were holding drop-in sessions at libraries and other venues not by LCC

but from a leaflet from a local community group.

No genuine attempt has been made to engage with the community or to help

their understand what is being proposed or how to respond to the consultation.

Local forward planners have addressed their consultation efforts mainly to those with internet access but about 40% of people do not have internet.

As a local resident living close to the site & of proposed development I feel they will have a seriously negative impact on my life and am sincerely hope that the application to develop their green belt and greenfield sites will be refused.