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Dear Leeds City Council

Ref: proposed housing development site **HG2-173**

I do not support the proposed allocation for housing on the Haighside site *ref: HG2-173*, and believe the inclusion of this site in the site allocation plan does not make for sound planning

I believe a property plan in this area should allocate land for development where it would best deliver the housing infrastructure needed, where it is less damaging to the local environment and can offer more benefits to the existing community. There is already a lack of infrastructure and local services in this area in particular health and schools.

I also have concerns regarding the environmental impact building on the Haighside site would have on the local wildlife including birds, wild deer and bats nesting in and around Haighside woods

The Haighside site is also affected by water courses and electricity pylons that run through the site which would place ecological constraints to any development. Both of these issues would have an effect on the number of houses that could be built on the proposed site meaning the plan would not provide the housing requirement in the Outer South HMCA

I am also very concerned about the amount of additional traffic the new site would generate. The road infrastructure in and around this area is already not sufficient for the amount of vehicles using it, especially since the building of the St Georges Park development. There are already large amounts of queuing traffic throughout the day. The extra traffic would also have an effect on air quality in the area increasing in breathing related issues and more pressure on already overstretched medical facilities. There are also a lot of young children already living in this area and extra traffic would mean extra danger to them whilst moving around to and from schools etc. or just simply playing in the area.

I do understand and support the need for more housing in the Leeds area but any development should take place on brown belt land as opposed to green belt land as you are proposing. Building on the proposed Haighside site would reduce the important green belt gap between Rothwell and Robin Hood. It would also massively affect the existing communities in terms of site access through neighbouring estates in particular the Haighside estate, including Low Shops Lane which is completely not suitable for heavy vehicles during construction or the amount of traffic it would need to handle for resident access.

I am aware of alternative land being offered for development by the land owner of Hope Farm in Robin Hood and would urge the council to look at this site as an alternative to the Haightside site as it would offer the council the opportunity to build the required number of houses required also the provision of a much needed new school which would benefit the whole of the local community

I therefore urge the council to remove the Haightside site from the SAP and propose the use of the Hope Farm site instead

Yours sincerely

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