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11 November 2015

Dear Sir,

Re:Leeds Site Allocation Plans

PDHO1850.

I urge you not to approve plans to build on Green Belt land – I am particularly concerned about the potential development of the following sites:

HG2-41 Fields south of A65, between the Horsforth Roundabout to the crematorium (known locally as Strawberry Fields and its environs)

HG2-42 Fields at Broadway and Calverley Lane, Horsforth

HG2-43 Fields at Horsforth College Campus

HG2-12 Fields at Woodlands Drive, Rawdon

First of all, consultation on this has been poor – the first I learned of it was via a leaflet drop from a local political party.

The proposals do appear to be at odds with national policy, to only permit building on Green belt sites in exceptional circumstances. Meeting housing requirements is not an exceptional circumstance, but a routine one. Most of the land in the above proposals is Green belt, so building on them would be contrary to the National Planning Policy Framework.

The problem with building on Green belt (and indeed green field) sites is that once they are developed, that's it, they are lost forever. So whereas now, we have the opportunity to enjoy something different from the suburban sprawl, the congested roads, the noise and sheer busyness of a major city. We can take relaxing walks in the countryside, enjoy the great outdoors, some serenity from the hectic pace of modern life – simple pleasures derived from a relatively peaceful haven a few minutes from the doorstep.

As society raises concerns regarding the increasing levels of obesity and particularly its prevalence among children, these green spaces should be promoted as a cost effective contribution to a resolution. Short walks of discovery and exploration taken from the doorstep can result in a lifelong love of spending time outdoors. Future generations will be permanently deprived of tis opportunity should these plans proceed.

As they say, 'Once it's gone, it's gone.' I would object strongly to its going.

Thank you for considering my objection,

Yours faithfully

