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Dear Leeds City Council,

Ref: site HG2-173

I do not support the proposed allocation of the Haighside site, ref: HG2-173, and I believe its inclusion on the Site Allocations Plan renders the plan unsound.

Reasons are provided below:

- The Haighside site is affected by electric pylons which run through the Eastern portion of the site. There are also water courses running through the site which would provide ecological constraints to any development. These will have a significant effect on the number of dwellings which may be delivered, meaning the SAP will be ineffective in delivering the housing requirements in the Outer South HMCA.
- The development of the Haighside site would also reduce the important Green Belt gap between the settlements of Rothwell and Robin Hood. It would also have an unacceptable impact on the existing community in terms of access to the site through the neighbouring estate.
- To properly plan for development in this part of the District, Leeds City Council should be allocating land where development will best deliver the housing and infrastructure we need in a way that is least environmentally affecting and where it can deliver benefits for the existing community. The infrastructure in this part of Rothwell is lacking; the mitigation needed to the local highway network for HG2-173 is undefined but absolutely necessary; it is stated as being reliant on NGT which hasn't yet been agreed and won't be delivered in time; and we don't have the local services in Rothwell to support a development of this scale, particularly schools.
- The facilities in Rothwell are already at stretching point. School class numbers and the availability of schools; doctors and health facilities and mainly roads. The congestion at peak times is immense not being able to get out of the end of Wood Lane towards the motorway due to high level of traffic. This is forcing local residents to find different routes blocking up small country lanes such as Leadwell Lane. Adding the development will stretch this to breaking point.
- I also have real concerns about the environmental impact of housing so close to Haighside Woods and the bats and other wildlife that live within it.

I understand that the landowner of Hope Farm, Robin Hood has submitted his land as an alternative to the Haighside site and I would urge the Council to consider this rejected site as a more

appropriate and suitable option to deliver growth in this part of Leeds. As well s being able to deliver an appropriate number of dwellings, the Hope Farm site would also be able to deliver a school for the benefit of the whole local community.

Therefore I urge the Council to remove the Haighside site from the SAP and instead include the proposed Hope Farm site.

Yours sincerely


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