

more expensive multi bedroom houses and enhance their profit margins. This is evident in the majority of recent local housing developments.

ISOLATION OF WILDLIFE & DESTRUCTION OF HABITATS AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

The above sites provide a continuous green belt area of land along the River Aire Valley that is home to a wide range of wildlife including bats, owls, hawks, red kites, deer and crested newts and habitats will be affected if these developments go ahead. Part of Site HG2-43 is listed as a Nature Reserve in the Leeds City College prospectus.

Site HG2-41 is used as agricultural land and as a Pick Your Own Fruit and Vegetable field during the season which allows large numbers of the community to connect with the countryside.

Hundreds of families and their children pick strawberries and raspberries during the season giving them an insight into how food is grown and picked and the loss of this site will reduce community engagement with the countryside.

NEGATIVE IMPACT ON HIGHWAY SAFETY AND TRAFFIC

HIGHWAY SAFETY, TRAFFIC FLOW AND ABILITY TO COPE WITH TRAFFIC

Three of the above sites are located on a section of the Leeds Outer Ring Road and the A65.

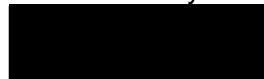
These are both busy and congested roads especially at peak times and judging by the large number of Safety Cameras installed on the A65 it is presumably one of the most dangerous roads in Leeds. The section of the Outer Ring Road (A6120) is single carriageway where it passes across 3 bridges over the river, canal and railway and these bridges are unlikely to be widened due to cost. The building of over 1000 new houses would cause even more gridlock.

LANDSCAPE DESTRUCTION

The fields on Site HG2-41 provide an open vista over the Aire Valley from the A65 and the public footpaths which cross the site. The footpaths are well used by many people including my family, for recreation purposes, and the suggested house building would destroy this large area of scenic land and its environment forever.

Please register my objections to the proposed housing developments on these Green Belt sites and keep me informed of the public examination and submission of plans.

Yours sincerely



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