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LEEDS SITE ALLOCATION PLANS HQ-12 / HQ-2 / HQ-3 / HQ-4

DEAR SIRS

I WISH TO OBJECT TO THE ABOVE PLANS ON THE BASIS THAT THESE AREN'T CONSISTENT WITH LEEDS OWN 'CORE' PLAN OR NATIONAL POLICY ON GREEN BELT SITES

THE COUNCIL'S OWN 'CORE' STRATEGY PLAN IN THE GLOSSARY DEFINES GREEN BELT AS A DESIGNATION FOR AREAS OF OPEN LAND AROUND CERTAIN CITIES AND LARGE BUILT UP AREAS WHERE STRICT PLANNING CONTROLS APPLY TO KEEP THE LAND PERMANENTLY OPEN AND LARGELY UNDEVELOPED.

THE NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK STATES THAT THE GOVERNMENT ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO GREEN BELTS. THE FUNDAMENTAL AIM OF GREEN BELT POLICY IS TO PREVENT URBAN SPRAWL BY KEEPING LAND PERMANENTLY OPEN. THE ESSENTIAL CHARACTERISTICS OF GREEN BELTS ARE THEIR OPENNESS AND THEIR PERMANENCE. THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE CONSULTATION BY THE COUNCIL. THE ONLY REAL INFORMATION COMING FROM LOCAL COUNCILLORS OWN INITIATIVE.

BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF CONSULTATION I DONT BELIEVE THAT
ANY OF THESE SITES ARE EITHER JUSTIFIED - EFFECTIVE OR
NECESSARY.

Yours faithfully

