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16, Eshald Lane,

Woodlesford,

Leeds,

LS26 8LN

9/11/15

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing regarding Site Plan ref: HG2-179 +180 in the publication draft of the Site Allocations Plan.

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In principle, I am supportive of the release of green belt in the location HG2-180 for housing and think it makes a sensible urban extension to Woodlesford, providing that this does not lead to further encroachment along Fleet Lane /Methley Lane.

I refer you to LCM17 Methley Park pg 127 of the Leeds City Council report on the Leeds Landscape Assessment, which refers to this area as being a "valuable oasis of intact countryside" Surely this should be protected as far as possible or we are in danger of merging Woodlesford with Methley.

Can you guarantee that a boundary will be implemented to prevent further encroachment. . The Green Belt is designated in order to check the growth of builtup areas, prevent neighbouring settlements from merging, preserve the special character of Leeds and its surrounds, retain easy access to open country and assist urban regeneration.

Woodlesford has a reasonable range of shops and services and a good rail link into Leeds, but there is no bus route to the local Town Centre Rothwell.

My main concern is regarding highway access; your requirements assessment states that *"Access should be taken from both Fleet Lane and the A639 Methley Lane, a through route should be provided. Speed reduction measures on A639 will be required."*

I am concerned that a through route for vehicles between Methley Lane and Fleet Lane could create a rat run through Eshald Lane for drivers trying to avoid Aberford Road which suffers from congestion at peak times. Eshald Lane is a very narrow lane with a blind corner towards Aberford Road so it would be inappropriate to increase traffic along this route.

This lane is also a well established area for walkers/ dog walkers and cyclists being so close to the RSPB reserve at St Aidans and the Trans Pennine Trail and Leeds Country Way.

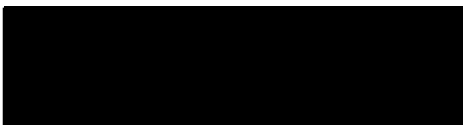
I think it would be more sensible to only allow through access to pedestrians, cyclists and local residents.

Please can you advise why a through route has been proposed and whether this is a definite requirement or will be considered in more detail through the development management process? If not, please can you confirm that measures will be put in place to prevent rat running along Eshald Lane?

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The same concerns apply with regard to increased traffic along Eshald Lane as previously mentioned.

Yours sincerely

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Heather Dobson