

3. To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment; There is no strong defensible boundary. It is a Special landscape area. It is greenbelt and protected.
4. To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns; Hollins Hill Farm House is a Grade 2 listed building and is adjacent to the site. (C1720) The development will not preserve the character. The LCC have failed to include the presence of a listed building in their assessments. (Historic England Ref: List entry Number 1251070)
5. To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land. Not relevant, however, it is worth mentioning that this is quality agricultural Green Belt land providing employment.

LCC say there are 'exceptional circumstances' to having to build on the Green Belt – but – meeting a housing target does NOT constitute releasing Green Belt to developers. The lack of engagement with neighbourhood planning is a real worry. The Localism Act says we, the public/the residents should be involved and we feel we are being ignored/over ridden. 70K houses in Leeds is an inflated target—40-45K is closer to the actual need. LCC have based their target number on the wrong figures and not the latest Census. The Government says councils should be building on Brownfield First—so why aren't LCC listening?

**Infrastructure:-** The argument all along has been that there is no infrastructure and that LCC have not carried out any surveys or assessments of employment available, Doctors surgeries available, dentists available, school places, there has been no traffic count/survey of the already congested Park Rd , A65 and A6038. The work on Horsforth roundabout and Rodley roundabout, plus the 2 new railway stations at Apperley Bridge and Kirkstall are for CURRENT traffic issues, NOT for future congestion caused by thousands of new homes!!

Aireborough does need certain types of housing, small low cost property, and independent living are two. Help us establish the real housing needs – LCC have not done this.

If you would like any more information or help/support please email Charlotte: [save4020@outlook.com](mailto:save4020@outlook.com)

## **Time for Action! Save the Green Belt!**

**Do you need help to send your objections to Leeds City Council (LCC) about their plans to build 80 houses on Site 4020/HG2-4 Hawkstone Avenue/Hollins Hill?**



**For the Public Consultation LCC want to hear your views on the plan and this is our last chance to have our say and be heard.**



## **Help with your objections to building on Site 4020 Hawkstone Avenue/Hollins Hill also called HG2-4**

The forms for objecting to/commenting on the Site Allocations Plan for Leeds and specifically for us, Site 4020/HG2-4 Hawkstone Avenue/Hollins Hill are now available. You can:-

WRITE AN EMAIL (preferred) to: [sap@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:sap@leeds.gov.uk)  
or FILL IN ONLINE FORM to: [www.leeds.gov.uk/yourcity](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/yourcity)  
or Write to: LDF Publication Draft Consultation Forward Planning & Implementation, The Leonardo Building, 2 Rossington Street, Leeds LS2 8HD

Data Protection: The council is required by law to publish the comments you send about the Plans, including your name and postal address. Your comments will be made available for the public to read in council offices and online. **LCC need to receive your comments by 5pm, 16th November 2015**

Potential layout for an email or letter – this follows the Leeds City Council response form comment sections:

- **Start by giving your personal details, site number(s) and interest in the site – i.e. you may have special knowledge—quote the site number— “HG2-4 (Site 4020)”**
- **Say if the site fulfils any of the [5 purposes of green belt, with examples](#)\*\* . YES!**
- **Give the tests of [soundness](#) that you are challenging or supporting e.g. that the site is not justified (i.e. there are better alternative ways of accommodating the housing target), or the site has not been positively planned as the specific needs of Aireborough have not been looked at (e.g. Infrastructure & Environment).**
- **Say, if you can/wish to, what enhanced purpose a green belt site could be put to, that would benefit the area. It is helpful to be proactive and positive as it shows more sustainable options.**
- **Say if the land has any critical characteristics for the character of the area, landscape, ecology, conservation, or heritage (see notes on back page and insert)**
- **Give your view on Infrastructure e.g. transports, schools, healthcare, cemeteries, and facilities**

e.g. sport, leisure, young, old, disabled, sick, needed for a) current population b) needs of a

new proposed housing site

- **Say if you are satisfied or not, that you have been informed and involved in the choice of these sites.**
- **Say if you think Leeds and Bradford have worked together on their local plans for Aireborough Airedale and Wharfedale.**
- **Give your evidence for what you say and any personal concerns/points of view. (If you are able to refer that to the NPPF, the Leeds Core Strategy policies, or the Neighbourhood Plan vision, so much the better.)**
- **Don't forget if you know a better place to put houses that are actually needed by local people, put it in your comment. For example, is there a small space where a few low cost homes could go, within the built environment?**  
**\*\* The 5 Purposes of Green Belt and why Site 4020/HG2-4 fulfils them, therefore, why the site should not be developed:-**

1. **To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas;** Housing would be up to and along the roadside/Hollins Hill. There is another field at the other side of Hollins Hill owned by the Council - where would developing stop in the long run? Housing is close up along the rear of houses on Hawkstone Avenue, the side of houses on Park Road & Park Lane. It also runs along the rear of Hollins Hill Farm. New housing cannot therefore be isolated. There is already a clear boundary and design structure to Hawkstone Avenue, Park Lane, Park Rd and Hawkstone View. Housing will without doubt lead to urban sprawl as it would join LS20 and BD17 postcodes, removing any green-space between the two.
2. **To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another;** The towns of Guiseley and Baildon will merge and also meet Esholt, therefore, Leeds will join Bradford. There is no strong defensible boundary. Only a dry stone wall as a barrier and there is no infrastructure. Hawkstone Ave would join Hollins Hill Farm.