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Core Strategy Development Plan Document

Regulation 20 of the Town & Country (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2012.

Publication Draft - Representation Form

PART A: PERSONAL DETAILS

** If an agent is appointed, please complete only the Title, Name and Organisation in box 1 below but complete the full contact details of the agent in box 2.*

	1. YOUR DETAILS*	2. AGENT DETAILS (if applicable)
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Personal Details & Data Protection Act 1998

Regulation 22 of the Town & Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2012 requires all representations received to be submitted to the Secretary of State. By completing this form you are giving your consent to the processing of personal data by the City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council and that any information received by the Council, including personal data may be put into the public domain, including on the Council's website. From the details above for you and your agent (if applicable) the Council will only publish your title, last name, organisation (if relevant) and town name or post code district.

Please note that the Council cannot accept any anonymous comments.

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PART B – YOUR REPRESENTATION - Please use a separate sheet for each representation.

3. To which part of the Plan does this representation relate?

Section	4	Paragraph	4.2	Policy	soundness
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4. Do you consider the Plan is:

4 (1). Legally compliant	Yes		No	x
4 (2). Sound	Yes		No	x
4 (3). Complies with the Duty to co-operate	Yes		No	x

5. Please give details of why you consider the Plan is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the duty to co-operate. Please refer to the guidance note and be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance, soundness of the Plan or its compliance with the duty to co-operate, please also use this box to set out your comments.

I am commenting on the proposed large scale Tong and Holmewood urban extensions as detailed in the Core Strategy Development Plan Publication Draft 2014 by Bradford Council.

I oppose these large scale plans and believe they are unsound with evidence of lack of cooperation with local communities and other agencies. I also understand there also is evidence of serious legal flaws.

Firstly it proposes large scale use of Greenbelt land which should not be allowed. Bradford council should make more effort to identify Brownfield sites within the existing the existing built up areas and use these sites for developments as a priority. It seems to me that looking around the city today that most of Bradford's development needs could be accommodated by better use of Brownfield sites in the city. I believe the council have taken the easiest option of putting future urban development on Greenbelt land instead of using Brownfield sites.

We should oppose the use of this Greenbelt land for the following reasons:-

The Greenbelt should have protection as it currently controls the growth of urban sprawl between the adjacent large cities of Leeds and Bradford which will practically merge under these plans.

It forms a vital lung for local people for recreation and wildlife to exist.

We are only custodians of this land and we should resist its use for urban development/sprawl as once built up it is lost forever to future generations.

Greenbelt land is vital for agriculture and food production locally to sustain a growing population in an ever more uncertain global environment.

My other concerns centre on the knock on effect that this proposed new community will create.

There has been no attempt to as to how the infrastructure needs of this large new community will be addressed in terms of employment, schools and medical/health/social needs etc.

The roads in the area are already some of the most congested and this urban development will make this situation intolerable. On most days the main roads in the area are in a state of gridlock.

There are also the important issues of flooding and sewerage that will inevitably result from building more houses in a narrow valley and effects lower down the valley in Leeds area with floods.

I firmly believe that the lives local population will be harmed by the plans proposed in this document along with long term damage to the environment and land in and around Tong, Holmewood and surrounding districts in Leeds and Kirklees. The local area is being forced to take more than its fair share of new houses by the entrenched attitude of the council who have refused to listen to the concerns of local people. Perhaps they have some naive maybe well meaning hope that their plan will bring a much needed boost to the local economy but they have not given any consideration as to the destructive impact of such large scale urban development of this neighbourhood. For all these reasons I hope these disastrous large scale plans are refused and some common sense prevails.

6. **Please set out what modification(s) you consider necessary to make the Plan legally compliant or sound, having regard to the test you have identified at question 5 above where this relates to the soundness. (N.B Please note that any non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination).**

You will need to say why this modification will make the Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

In my mind the way forward with future developments, which I accept will be inevitable at some stage, is that they have to be on a more modest scale, in cooperation with local community and other authorities, giving more regard to building local infrastructures, with priority for new development given to more imaginative Brownfield projects and infill development. It is our duty to make better use of what limited land we have in this country and preserve our green countryside as much as possible for future generations.

I would urge that large scale destruction of the Greenbelt is to be avoided at all costs. In my life time we have seen the foolishness of short-sighted policies that in the fullness of time have been a waste of time and money and not improved quality of life. I say with much regret the centre of Bradford is a good example among many others.

Please note your representation should cover succinctly all the information, evidence and supporting information necessary to support/justify the representation and the suggested change, as there will not normally be a subsequent opportunity to make further representations based on the original representation at publication stage.

Please be as precise as possible.

After this stage, further submissions will be only at the request of the Inspector, based on the matters and issues he/she identifies for examination.

7. If your representation is seeking a modification to the Plan, do you consider it necessary to participate at the oral part of the examination?

No	No, I do not wish to participate at the oral examination
	Yes, I wish to participate at the oral examination

8. If you wish to participate at the oral part of the examination, please outline why you consider this to be necessary:

Please note the Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt when considering to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate at the oral part of the examination.

9. Signature:

Date:

10th March 2014

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PART C: EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY MONITORING FORM

Bradford Council would like to find out the views of groups in the local community. Please help us to do this by filling in the form below. It will be separated from your representation above and will not be used for any purpose other than monitoring.

Please place an 'X' in the appropriate boxes.