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**Subject:** Objection

Good afternoon,

The vagaries of the Leeds-Bradford boundary in the Pudsey-Tong-Drighlington area mean proposals will have a bigger impact on Leeds communities than those in Bradford.

We wish to object to the proposals for housing growth in the south-east Bradford area (6,000 dwellings overall, policies SC5, HO2, HO4, HO6 and HO7), incorporating urban extensions into the green belt adjacent to Holmewood.

We are extremely concerned about the impact on the green belt 'gap' between the built-up areas of Leeds and Bradford. Whilst Leeds City Council has recognised the strategic importance of this green 'lung' in countering urban sprawl, Bradford has not. The value of this area to the residents of Pudsey and west Leeds as a natural barrier between the cities, which offers great opportunities for leisure and recreation, cannot be over-emphasised.

Additionally, the infrastructure of south-east Bradford is already inadequate to cope with the strains put upon it. The A650 corridor in the Bradford Metropolitan District around Tong Street barely functions as a major road. The proposed housing and employment growth will put further strain on the road network, requiring significant investment to address the problem. Not only will there be an impact on Bradford's infrastructure, Leeds is likely to be the main employment centre of the City Region and many of the new residents will become Leeds commuters, yet no consideration seems to have been given to mitigating the (primarily) traffic impact on the Leeds District.

On a more technical but equally important issue, housing policies HO1 and HO2 need to be modified to reflect the implications of the March update of the National Planning Policy Guidance, which has confirmed that windfall can be incorporated as a source of supply to the overall housing requirement. The Bradford Core Strategy requirement figure therefore needs to be reduced to explicitly incorporate windfall, thereby reducing the overall need/extent of future green belt release – including the critical strategic gap between Bradford and Leeds.

Regards,

Cllr [REDACTED] Lewis, Cllr [REDACTED] Coulson, Cllr [REDACTED] Jarosz, Ward Members for Pudsey  
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