

1. Other Proposed Housing Allocations from the Green Belt

- 1.1 Our principled objection to Green Belt changes across the Borough are based on our position that exceptional circumstances have not been justified at the strategic level, and therefore there is no justification for any of the proposed site allocations from the Green Belt as a starting point for this matter.
- 1.2 We have explained our site-specific objections in our Core Evidence Paper 2 to the Publication Draft Consultation (September 2018) and our response to the additional sites consultation in February 2020. In each case these objections explain the harmful outcomes that we consider those Green Belt changes will enable. In some cases it is the harm to the Green Belt itself, in other cases it is the resultant problems such as increasing car dependence, harm to the landscape and harm to ecology.
- 1.3 When the localised harm caused by these developments combine with their cumulative effect in dispersing development and putting more households beyond reasonable walking distances of day-to-day amenities, and reducing net housing densities, it is clear that these Green Belt changes will enable unsustainable outcomes, and are therefore unsound.
- 1.4 For the Inspector's ease of reference, the sites we have specifically objected to on this basis are as follows:

LP0531 – Whitehall Road, Illingworth

LP1216 and LP1229 – Mill Lane/Old Lane and Near Royd, Ovenden

LP0782 and LP1543 – Cock Hill Lane and Wade House Road, Shelf

LP1451 and LP1463 – Garden Suburbs

LP1034, LP1035, LP1036, LP1037 – Shelf additional sites

LP0766, LP1044, LP1523 – Northowram additional sites

LP0026, LP0952, LP0177, LP1625 – Greetland additional sites