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I write on behalf of Leeds City Council Planning Services to comment with regard to these two applications. Comments have been sought from Ward Members of wards in close proximity to this application site and these have been summarised within the attached highways consultation response. Ward Members may also be submitting their own comments.

Taken together these two applications cover a very large area and includes a significant number of dwellings and other uses which will result in a very significant increase in traffic flows which may have a very negative impact on the Leeds side of the boundary. Access to the M621, M1 and A1M is likely to be via the nearest junction 28 of the M62, and both commuter traffic and journeys to local centres of Morley, Capitol Park, White Rose Centre, Leeds centre itself etc. will be increased by the additional housing that will now access onto the A653 or Heybeck Lane. These journeys, as well as additional traffic that may be generated by large housing allocations within Leeds should be taken into consideration in the overall Transport Assessment.

Further more specific concerns have been raised regarding the pressure that the developments will put on Heybeck Lane and Batley Road in West Ardsley which is likely to include traffic travelling to Wakefield via these roads and also rat-running via Heybeck Lane, Batley Lane, Haigh Moor Road and Westerton Road in order to avoid the Tingley Roundabout. The development sites are served by the 117 in terms of public transport to Wakefield and Leeds, but this service is only an hourly service and this places doubt on whether the site of these two applications can be

considered sustainable from an accessibility point of view.

Whilst Leeds City Council acknowledges the allocation of the land and has no comment to make in that regard we would however request that any scheme should provide an appropriate buffer to the green belt to ensure it is protected from further encroachment as this would put pressure upon the strategic gap between the two authorities.

Kind regards

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