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**FAO. Kerri Simpson, Case Officer, Planning & Application**

**Planning Application Number 2026/59/90318/W**

Planning Objection. Application in Principle 2026/59/90318/W  
Land adjacent to Delves Gate, Slaithwaite (Ref: 2026/59/90318/W)

I object to this application for residential development.

The application site forms part of an open field that contributes to the rural character of this area. It provides a clear transition between built development and the surrounding countryside. Development of this land would erode that character and extend built form into an otherwise open and undeveloped area.

Although the application seeks to "Grey Belt" policy, no convincing evidence has been provided to demonstrate that the site does not meaningfully contribute to Green Belt purposes. In particular, the proposal would result in encroachment into the countryside, which is a key function of the Green Belt.

The location of the site is also not sustainable. Future occupants would be dependent on private cars for most day to day journeys and the limited public transport provision does not overcome this issue.

The use of the Permission in Principle process in this case is also concerning, as it defers important considerations such as access, highways and environmental impacts. In the absence of sufficient information, it has not been demonstrated that the site is suitable for developments in principle.

Overall, the proposal conflicts with national policy and should be refused.

Yours Faithfully.