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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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Signature:		Date: 31/03/2014

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.

of the Plan does this repi	resentation relate?		
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		Policy	TR5
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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.

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My primary concerns is that planning and development in Bradford has due regard to potential impact on Leeds. As you will be aware there are already heavily congested roads linking Leeds and Bradford. From my point of view key roads are the A65, A658, A657, A6120, A647 and A6038. These provide vital communication links for local residents and those people accessing employment in Leeds City Centre and Bradford. The potential level of housing development and its impact on the area is unsustainable on the present road network.

Communities in Bradford access NHS services, education and leisure in Leeds these are highly valued local services. Is there sufficient capacity, for example in doctor's surgeries, to cope with this new housing? Residents have a right to expect access to basic local services with housing proposed on both sides of the Leeds/Bradford border, There will become an increasing problem as these housing numbers are built out.

Full proposals need to be put in place to deal with an increase in the number of journeys and the impact this will have on key roads and junctions between Leeds and Bradford. Productivity, growth and quality of life will all be curtailed if measures are not taken to alleviate congestion and impact on services.

The developments of Holme Wood and the Tong Valley without proper provision for additional capacity on the roads or measures to mitigate against the increase in journeys the plans are not sustainable.

The proposals to build 1,800 new homes on Greenbelt land in the Tong/Westgate Hill area, without additional highway capacity would add further congestion to an already badly congested area. In particular the Leeds/Bradford Road which already suffers from mile long queues would only get worse and further clog up an important route between the two cities.

Furthermore there would be capacity issues with regard to health services, schools and water and sewage disposal. The location of this development is also a concern. This is an important 'green lung' enjoyed by many residents for recreation and leisure activity, it also offers an important green buffer between Bradford and Leeds. This development would lead to blurring of the boundary between the two cities and likely further encroachment into remaining greenbelt through more piecemeal development in the Fulneck Valley. In addition any development in this area would threaten both historical buildings and historical woodland. The area is home to a number of historic C17 and C18 farmsteads and also ancient woodland at Kit Wood, Park Wood and Black Carr Wood. New housing in this area would impact upon the rural character of this area and the unique landscape it offers to existing residents.

Policy SC7 refers to the greenbelt and the proposals to initiate a partial review. The proposed development would lead to a blurring of the boundary between Leeds and Bradford, typified by the proposals for Tong/Westgate Hill area. This inevitably will lead to villages and towns losing their identity and to a general coalescence of towns that have historically been part of Leeds and Bradford. In my view the Greenbelt must be preserved. Whilst Leeds and Bradford are near neighbours they should maintain their identity and become indistinct as cities.

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 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.

Policies TR1, TR3, TR5 and TR7 should give greater clarity as to how the road network will be improved to deal with what will inevitably be an increase in the number of private car journeys as well as, rightly, setting out the commitment to modal shift and public transport.

Policy SC7 should include more specific protections against avoiding coalescence of existing settlements and have greater regard to the impact of any Greenbelt development on neighbouring local authorities.

Is there any provision to ensure that there are sufficient health services, dental surgeries and school places? School places are already stretched on both sides of the Leeds/Bradford border, what will all this housing do and how will it impact on the statutory duties of both authorities to provide every child with a school place?

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.

	epresentation is seeking a modification to the Plan, do you consider it necessary to participate 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

9. Signature:

31st March 2014

Date:

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PART C: EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY MONITORING FORM