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Dear Leeds City Council,

**LEEDS CITY COUNCIL SITE ALLOCATION PLAN: 3391 - LAND AT SPEN
COMMON LANE, NEAR BRAMHAM**

I am the Chairman the Battlefields Trust, a national charity dedicated to the preservation, interpretation and presentation of battlefields as a historical and educational resource (see www.battlefieldstrust.com), and am writing to you in connection with Site Allocations Plan - Issues and Options Consultation you are currently running and specifically proposals relating to Land at Spen Common Lane Near Bramham.

You may or may not be aware that this potential area of development covers the 1408 battlefield of Bramham Moor. The battle, although small in size, represented the final rebellion against Henry IV and is therefore of significant historical political importance. The topography of the battlefield is unspoilt by development, allowing a good understanding of the terrain over which the battle was fought - itself an important heritage asset. The battlefield may also contain unstratified archaeology from the fighting as has been found on other medieval sites of conflict which, if investigated, could, given the limited primary sources available, improve our understanding of the action considerably.

Given the importance of the battle, the unspoilt topography and the potential for battle related archaeology to be present, the Battlefields Trust strongly opposes any plans to develop the site.

I am copying this letter to Jenny Irvine and Tiva Montablano at English Heritage and Neil Ferres of the Neighbourhood Plan Group at Bramham.

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