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To: [Site Allocations Plan](#)
Cc: [Collins, Cllr Dawn](#)
Subject: PDE00066_Building on Green Belt Land
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I do not normally get involved in local politics, but I am writing to the Council as I and my wife are concerned about the proposed building of houses in Horsforth and Rawdon, specifically on the following sites advised by yourselves:

HG2 - 41 Fields south of A65, Horsforth Roundabout to the crematorium;
HG2 - 43 Fields at Horsforth College Campus;
HG2 - 12 Fields at Woodlands Drive, Rawdon;
HG3- 2 HG3 - 3 HG3 -4 Fields of A65, Rawdon

We are both longstanding residents of Horsforth, having lived here c 25 years, but are unfortunately having to consider whether this is now somewhere where we wish to remain, despite not wanting to leave.

The traffic around the A65 roundabout, despite the changes to the traffic flow, following the road changes, has not improved, in fact seems to have worsened.

The new proposed building will mean that local amenities will struggle even more and the roads will become even more clogged.

Why wasn't a railway station put in when the Sandoz development went up, like at Kirkstall?

I appreciate that there is a need for housing, I work in the social housing sector, but the proposal to include these Green Belt sites in the Local Plan is NOT consistent with the national policy, and the proposal to use GREEN BELT before brownfield is not justified.

This is not NIMBYism, but a reflection that this area of Leeds cannot take the level of house building you propose.

This is an area that Leeds needs to keep as GREEN BELT, for people to exercise, walking their dogs, general exercise, and to ensure that the flow of traffic does not increase above its current too high level.

I work on the Bradford side of the A65 and continually sit in traffic coming home on a night back to Horsforth for 20 minutes, sometimes backed up to Rawdon.

As a result more and more people are driving along the back roads through Yeadon, Horsforth and Rawdon, thus making those roads far more dangerous and clogged.

By building on these sites, distinct areas will just roll into one continually rolling housing estate.

Therefore, the proposal to use this Strategic Green Infrastructure goes against the Leeds Core Strategy.

Within the proposals it appears that the only school extension would be at Newlathes. Increasing the size of that school will have a dual effect on the Victoria's estate ;

1. Increasing the number of what is an already high level of traffic through the estate at start and close of school;
2. How are children going to get across the ring road; is a bridge going to be built or again do they all need to go to school by car. That does nothing for the health of the young.

I hope you will consider the above and NOT move ahead with the building proposals in Horsforth and Rawdon.

Yours sincerely,

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