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**To:** [Site Allocations Plan](#)  
**Subject:** PDE00072\_Proposed plans for new housing by Leeds Council on land designated as Green Belt  
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I am writing to express my concern that Leeds Council are planning to ignore laws that forbid greenbelt land being used for residential development. I do understand that this is in response to the Government's strategy to build more houses and the numbers of these that Leeds has to build in order to comply with their ultimatum.

Presumably if Leeds fails to meet the numbers required they will be financially penalised.

I am sure that everyone is aware that greenbelt is designed to separate cities from nearby towns and villages to provide an environment that is beneficial for everyone. I am particularly concerned that the areas HG2-12, HG2-41, HG3-2, HG3-3, HG4-4 will start to infill these areas that provide the reason for greenbelts being in place. After reading various items regarding these plans, I want to know why available brownfield sites are not being considered first. I know that developers think they lie in areas where they will not be as attractive to buyers and the land may be more difficult to develop. I want to know who is in charge, it feels as if the developers are and are dictating to the Council where they wish to build. Horsforth, Rawdon, Yeadon and Guiseley seem to be 'fair game' and the Council seem to be being too easily persuaded. HG3-4 and HG3-3 lie immediately adjacent to Ghyll Beck and Red Beck.

Has anyone actually looked at this land and realised how beautiful these areas are in their natural state? Another matter that concerns me is that the Council are looking too favourably at these sites as they will be more lucrative for them in the matters of collecting Council taxes.

I would agree that we should not object to some development as people need houses, we all have young relations struggling to find somewhere affordable to live and it is not possible for most of them to remain in the area in which they were brought up. I imagine that developers will only be building the minimum of 'affordable' houses if the houses currently under development at Clariant is anything to go by.

I understand that any objections that local people make regarding the infrastructure is not to be taken into account. The current infrastructure can't cope now, never mind when these huge numbers of extra houses will be built and occupied. I understand that our views will be disregarded as these matters will be dealt with separately by the Council and will not create any problems for people living here. Several tweaks to the traffic management and introduction of new railway stations at Apperley Bridge and Kirkstall will NOT deal with an already extremely congested system.

Please before signing off these developments, visit the area and see for yourself how slow the traffic is going into Leeds and Bradford from Rawdon, Yeadon, Guiseley and Horsforth. Go to Guiseley and Horsforth railway station and see the amount of traffic parked around the stations and try to get onto a train to go work in Leeds or Bradford. Try to get to Leeds in your car or on a bus from Rawdon. A bus journey at approximately 8.00 am takes at least 1 hour.

Everyone I speak to has the same concerns as I have as we know what it's like living here. Please consider them.

Yours sincerely,

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