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To: [Site Allocations Plan](#)
Subject: PDE00202_FW_ Site HG2-10 Gill Lane
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Dear Sirs,

As a resident of Yeadon I am writing to express my absolute objection to the plans for developing the green belt in Yeadon, Rawdon & Guiseley.

The only benefactors of this scheme would be the developers who have been given carte blanche to destroy the landscape in the name of "affordable housing". Anyone living in this area knows that it is quite an expensive area in which to purchase property and is likely to be quite **unaffordable** for many. This can mean only one thing; the properties will be purchased by landlords and rented out to people who come and go and have no vested interest in caring for the area, or indeed, the properties.

It is my belief that these plans are intended to benefit certain parties who stand to make plenty of money from it at the expense of the local residents. There are many, many areas in West Yorkshire that would positively benefit from some re-generation where affordable housing could be built. But it seems to me that the interested parties feel they would not profit sufficiently if they were to build in less affluent areas. This decision is not being made based on the interests of the many; but that of the few influential bodies.

My husband as already let you have his objections and I would echo those as outlined below:

"It is high time that the councillors and leaders of Leeds City remembered that they are there to serve the people of their communities, to protect what is good, safeguard the environment which generations have cared for and that many other towns and cities would envy, and last but not least, not to fall under the spell of those whose weasel words of goodness are hiding greed and short term profit. Stand up and be strong to defend our beautiful green spaces, listen to those who live locally, those who have invested time and hard earned money to have the chance to live and contribute to a great city - do not try and placate us with nonsense about the need for more housing, everyone who lives adjacent to the A65 knows damn well that the infrastructure is groaning with overcapacity and further developments will tip the balance into overcrowding, degeneration and negative growth / brain drain. Your names are going to be remembered in history, so make sure that you can look at yourself in the mirror knowing you did the right thing for the residents of Yeadon, Rawdon and Guiseley.

Hopefully my impassioned plea will not fall on deaf ears, however for those who prefer a more factual argument, I trust the following will support my objections :-

This site was a successfully defended piece of Greenbelt in 1994

This development would merge Nether Yeadon with Guiseley and Henshaw

It is adjacent to a Conservation Area and should actually be part of it according to Historic England

There are better urban sites within Leeds that can be developed

It is part of a continuous Greenbelt between Leeds and Bradford and prevent urban sprawl from both cities

This site has over 21 mature and rare English trees, home and habit to owls, woodpeckers and bats

Historic pasture land still in use by the cattle belonging to a local farmer

Local secondary and primary schools are at capacity

Dentist and doctors surgeries are full

Traffic is already at a standstill along this site. The developers traffic survey was done during school half term

The Council omitted to mention a series of listed buildings along the perimeter

This is the last farmland for 4 miles along the A65, removal of which would fully urbanise what was once a rural heartland

I sincerely hope that you will thoroughly digest the points made and come to the obvious, and correct, decision."

Yours faithfully
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