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Dear Sir/Madam

Please be courteous enough to read this letter. It provides positive feedback rather than a litany of complaints, and is written with a lot of local knowledge and considerable common sense.

SITE HG2-41 (strawberry picking field)

Recent (and no doubt costly) improvements to Rodley and Horsforth roundabouts, although a good idea in theory, have not addressed the underlying issue which is that the stretch of the A6120 between the two roundabouts has two bottlenecks, namely the two bridges over the canal and river. Even with the new traffic lights the problem remains of two lanes of traffic funnelling into one – I hesitate to use the word ‘merging’ as many drivers cannot grasp this concept and prefer the ‘every man for himself’ system. It is lunacy to develop a site as huge as site HG2-41 without first widening both bridges and making the entire stretch of road dual carriageway. Otherwise the increased volume of traffic will grind to a complete halt.

SITE HG2-10 (Gill Lane Yeadon)

The A65 has already reached saturation point with two very popular retail parks, a busy petrol station, a large supermarket and countless sets of traffic lights to the extent that many local people avoid it at all costs, preferring to wend their way via Yeadon High Street and along Queensway estate or sometimes even through Carlton village which is not an ideal situation. The building of 155 new homes would result, as above, in total gridlock.

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- Development of the proposed sites will result in Yeadon, Rawdon and Horsforth becoming an extension of the Leeds sprawl – Aireborough has already lost its identity. Surely there are brown field sites that can be developed without the need to massacre green belt?
- **SCHOOLS:** Local schools are already at full capacity. Two of my grandchildren attend Rufford Park School (formerly South View) which opened in 2004 – last year four new classrooms were added to accommodate the growing numbers. The new Littlemoor School (re-located to the busy A65 and already causing problems with regard to safety, parking etc.) has also run out of classroom space. There are only three secondary schools serving the area, Benton Park, Horsforth and Guiseley. In a nutshell, there are not enough school places for the increase in pupils that development on the proposed scale will create.

- ROADS: The existing road network is struggling to cope with current levels of traffic. Airport traffic has increased, not just to the airport itself but to the associated trading estates with huge numbers of articulated lorries bringing in supplies (and causing havoc at the top of Green Lane when they are obliged to swing across to the wrong side of the road to negotiate the turning). As already mentioned, the A65 towards Guiseley has almost reached saturation point – last Saturday it took us more than an hour to exit Westside Retail Park. At a recent funeral at Rawdon crematorium it took family and mourners half an hour to exit via Knott Lane because of non-stop traffic on the A65 from the Horsforth direction.

In conclusion, please give very careful consideration to all of the above before making decisions that will have serious knock-on effects and that will be irreversible.

Yours faithfully

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