

From:
To: [Site Allocations Plan](#)
Subject: PDE00239_Objection to Planning Application Rawdon Area
Date: 25 October 2015 18:31:11

Dear Sir/Madam

It is beyond belief that Leeds City Council could even contemplate housing in the following areas and my objections will be listed. Worse still is the fact that it has been kept a secret and no one in this area was aware that a public consultation had been held in 2013.

HG2 - 12 Woodlands Drive 130 Houses
HG2 - 41. Rawdon Crematorium to Horsforth Roundabout 777 houses and school

Safeguarded for 246 Houses:

HG3 - 2 Knott Lane West
HG3 - 3 Knott Lane East - ADJACENT CRAGG WOOD CONSERVATION AREA
HG3 - 4 Layton Lane

Green belt

These are green belt areas and there are no exceptional circumstances to justify this development as it is the fundamental objective of Government policy to prevent urban sprawl. This development when Leeds and Bradford are combined would make the area the largest urban sprawl in the UK.

Para 87, Para 109 have all been ignored by Leeds City Council including their own Core Strategy.

Housing requirement

LCC have decided to take the highest figure of 70K from a survey done some years ago. Based on the UK requirement for 2 million houses the pro rata requirement comes down to 45K. Instead of grabbing greenbelt priority should be given to the 25K brownfield sites that are available in Leeds as the requirement is for affordable housing which is required in these areas and not 3,4,5 bedroom mansions such as the Redrow development of 100's of houses already under construction in the same area.

From personal experience being the owner of a brownfield site the Leeds City Planning Department has been obstructive and incompetent so that a site that could have been producing revenue for the taxpayers is still sitting idle after 6 years.

Employment

We no longer have factories employing large numbers of workers and even now we have robots making the robots. What jobs do you think will be available?

Infrastructure

Journey times in the area have doubled in the last 10 years in this area. Housing

developments in Menston have also added to the volume of traffic on the A65. The roundabout on the ring road at Horsforth at great expense now has traffic lights. This does not solve the problem and the roundabout should have been reduced in size so that 3 lanes could be used. Moronic!

The development would add another 2000 cars in the immediate area. Nothing more can be done to the A65 or the ring road and as a school is planned on HG2-41 there will be gridlock.

Wild Life - Lost

We have deer, badgers, tawny owls, bats, fieldfare, Canada geese, Mallard, Lapwing, Curlew and Palmate newts (HG2-12) and this will be a serious threat to their habitat especially in HG2-12, HG3-2,3 and 4.

Volunteers from the Cragg Wood Roads Group have restored the wood and opened up a massive bluebell field that the public has shown much appreciation for as they have not been seen for decades.

Walkers, horse riders, cyclists and worse still our grand children will never see this.

Farmland - Lost

HG2-12, HG3-2,3 and 4. The area has a rich farming heritage and these areas are actively farmed by a family as well as a bee keepers apiary. Once again our grandchildren will not know what cows and sheep look like in real life.

**THIS DEVELOPMENT IS UNSUSTAINABLE ACCORDING TO
GOVERNMENT POLICY AND MUST BE MOTHBALLED FOR EVER!**

Regards

Malcolm Illingworth
Lisieux Lodge
Woodlands Drive
Rawdon
Leeds
LS19 6JZ