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Dear Sir/Madam,

I have decided to send you this email, to let my feelings be known, regarding the site allocations for the Horsforth/Rawdon area.

Upon studying your map of site allocations in the area, I believe that they depend far too heavily on Green Belt sites. This is the easy option, but I do not believe it is consistent with national policy, and therefore is not justified.

Green Belt within National Planning Policy Framework, is there to check the unrestricted sprawl of large built up areas, and prevent towns merging together, as well as safeguarding the countryside. I feel that these ideals are being ignored, especially when considering site HG2-41. According to Leeds Core strategy this is Strategic Green Infrastructure, and was identified in Leeds UDP as a 'special landscape'.

Building on sites HG2-12, HG3-3, HG3-2, and HG3-4, effectively joins Rawdon and Horsforth together.

HG2-12 is also Green Belt land. The NPPF also states that inappropriate development such as this is, 'by definition', harmful to the Green Belt, and should not be approved except in **very exceptional circumstances**. As a result I think the use of Green Belt here is inconsistent with national policy!

Kind regards,

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