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**To:** [Site Allocations Plan](#)  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

In commenting on the above document I will first make some general points then go on to more specific ones.

General Comments

If the allocation proposals are implemented it will result in more urban sprawl, more congestion on the already congested A65 road, wrecking for many, lovely views across rural/semi rural land, damage to wildlife and the removal of some greenbelt land for ever which for me is outrageous. Taken together I feel the proposals for Rawdon in particular are not only unsound but naive and offensive! I also think your overall target of 70,000 new homes by 2028 is excessive, though I realise there is a need for more affordable homes. There are many brownfield sites in Leeds which could be used for residential development and that is where the focus should be.

Specific Comments

HG2-12

I believe the proposal to include this area of land does not comply with the Statement of Community Involvement in that it was not included in the Issues & Options consultation document, so there was no opportunity to comment on it!? Access to it is totally inadequate and it would be a blot on a popular recreational area (Leeds Country Way) as well as permanently harming countryside adjacent to a conservation area. REJECT THIS AREA.

HG3-2&3

These are also close to a popular recreational route, which I and many others use. Along with HG2-12, I believe they are part of LCC's designated Green Infrastructure Area, so why are they identified for development? Also, if developed they would add to the traffic chaos on the A65, access is inadequate and building will destroy wildlife habitats and a bluebell wood. REJECT BOTH AREAS.

HG3-4

Again, development will add to traffic congestion on the A65, wildlife will suffer, urban sprawl will increase towards Horsforth and residents of Layton Lane will have their views to the east ruined. There are mature trees in this area - lets keep them, not destroy them for ever. REJECT THIS AREA.

HG2-41

If there must be some development, it should be in this area, though sympathetically scaled down having regard to the adjacent Cragg Wood Conservation area and mature trees. Development will result in urban sprawl on green land. Coupled with the vast development ongoing at Horsforth Vale, there will be a massive increase in traffic on the A65. The recently installed traffic lights may well be inadequate and the only solution may be a major highway scheme ie. a flyover above the ring road. Traffic congestion at this junction with huge tail backs has been totally unacceptable and is likely to get worse with development on this land and other areas close to the A65 going west towards

Menston. In my view, the new traffic lights will be inadequate. I saw this when I lived in Gloucestershire, lights were installed on one of the busiest roundabouts in the county between Gloucester & Cheltenham, but with additional development they became inadequate. REJECT/SCALE DOWN.

Yours faithfully,

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