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**To:** [Site Allocations Plan](#)  
**Cc:** [Stuart Andrew.MP](#)  
**Subject:** PDE00297\_Ref Numbers HG2-12, HG2-41, HG3-2\_3\_4  
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My name is Matt Martindale and I live in Rawdon. I am a member of the Cragg Wood Roads Committee which is responsible for the conservation of the Cragg Woods area. This is an organisation privately funded by residents at no expense to either the Bradford or Leeds Councils. Part of our remit is to protect our environment and see these developments as an unnecessary assault on this idyllic semi rural setting. The impact these proposals will have on the local community and greenbelt are very clear and negative to those of us who live here.

I object to the proposed housing developments for the following reasons:

Your base figures on the Core Strategy need to be revised.  
They are within LCC'S own designated Special Landscape Area's.  
They impose themselves on the Cragg Wood Conservation Area.  
The Leeds Country Way runs through HG2-12.  
HG2-12, scores -7 for sustainability assessment. The worst of all nearby sites.  
The development is not legally compliant. HG2-12 has been incorrectly 'allocated'.  
There has been no prior consultation to that allocation.  
A comprehensive greenbelt review has not been completed.  
'Growth' is not classed as an 'exceptional circumstances'.  
The A 65 and other main roads in the district This point does not require further detail.  
Wildlife habitat lost.  
There are other brownfield sites available in Leeds. These have to be a better option than digging up the greenbelt. The Clariant site is an example, although not ideal. A compromise.

The area is not only a boundary between already built up areas but a place where people can enjoy the peace and quiet of the countryside and the benefits that brings without having to get in to their cars!

Kind regards

Matt Martindale

**Footnote**

I went to one of the first 'presentations' by Leeds City Council at Guiseley Baptist Church. It took me over half an hour at 2 pm on a midweek afternoon to travel three miles and find a parking space. The irony!