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Dear Planning,

I am writing to ask that you consider my objection to several proposed developments in the Rawdon/Horsforth area of Leeds (HG2-12, HG2-41, HG3-2, HG3-3 and HG3-4). I do live in Horsforth and spend a lot of time in and around the area, so in some ways this is for my own (selfish?) desire for the area to remain as green as possible. More importantly though I am writing on behalf of those with no voice, namely my children and potentially my future grandchildren. The whole point of having a greenbelt provision is to secure the countryside for future generations, and I am grateful to all those who have held back encroachment in the past.

This letter is not about chapter and verse, but more about my objection and disagreement with the base assumption that we need to build more houses, and certainly even if more houses are needed that this should in any instance mean the "exceptional circumstances" barrier for building on green belt land has been breached.

There is little doubt that the assumption that we need more houses has its roots in the lobbying of the house-building companies, and furthermore it is clear that the argument for building on greenbelt over brownfield sites is entirely economic, in that it is cheaper for the builders to use "virgin" land over that which may require decontamination. There are no exceptional circumstances here, only greed and a desire by central government to be seen to be "doing something" at our expense.

I object to long term social and environmental damage for short term national level political gain and pandering to influential lobbying groups. The developments should be stopped.

Regards, Ben Frost.

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