

From:
To: [Site Allocations Plan](#)
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Dear sir / madam,

I write to add my voice to the opposing of the proposed housing development, specifically HG2-12 / HG3-2 / HG3-2 as i live on Woodlands Drive. I'm sure the concerns raised so far will centre on the greenbelt land being a place of natural beauty and destroying that would take away part of Rawdon's overall appeal. I agree, i moved there last because of the green "out in the sticks" feel.

The fact that the schools are currently full and 1 additional school isn't going to take everyone, the loss of farmland and therefore wildlife, potential brownland sites closer to stronger infrastructure etc are all valid and relevant to this case.

My immediate concern is that i understand there is a need for housing, however the infrastructure along the A65 just isn't there to cope with the demands of an additional 1023 houses, and that's excluding sites HG1 & HG3-4 as they don't sit along the A65.

The current development on the Horsforth roundabout hasn't been of any real benefit and is a good example as it sits on the proposed road. The traffic is worse than it was, even with the lights on on the roundabout to manage the flow, there's more cars.... therefore more traffic. Add in additional houses on the A65 and what is already a very busy road becomes unbearable and unsafe, not only for Rawdon but through to neighbouring Horsforth. I have to queue longer to get to Rawdon through Horsforth with the new road layout at Horsforth roundabout, add in more cars and there's only way thing that will happen with single carriageway roads, its unavoidable.

The side streets up layton lane would also be full of cars with people looking to avoid traffic, people looking to avoid traffic are usually in a rush, people in a rush in a built up residential area will only lead to accidents. Although people should leave time for travel, people don't..... the knock on domino effect is huge for the surrounding areas.

The bottle neck at the top of Knott Lane would be disastrous, it can take up to 5 minutes for one car to pull out as its is, add in traffic lights doesn't help as the A65 is already nose to tail as it is without the additional traffic flow. With 1, 2 or 3 cars out every 1-2 minutes doesn't make sense.

If there was a dual carriage way option for the A65, similar to the ring road, or a realistic option to ease the traffic flow i could see the viability of the plans. You're asking an already congested single carriage road to do the job of a congested double carriage way.

I hope this email makes it through to you with the understanding im not opposing for opposing sake, I have a friend who is a developer and understand there is a need for housing, i just have real fears that the areas suggested are not in the best interest of everyone, maybe they're a good money maker, high house prices, however they're not good locations for the environment, area or safety.

Yours sincerely

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