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**To:** [Site Allocations Plan](#)  
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To Leeds City Council

I would like to object to the Site Allocation Plan for Rawdon and Horsforth (Site no.s HG3-4, HG3-3, HG3-2, HG2-41, HG2-12).

I live near these areas and believe that the development is not justified due to A65 and the Horsforth roundabout not being able to cope with the number of the new houses proposed. Also, that the greenbelt that is due to be built on gives this area a special quality and this development will remove the rural character of Rawdon and Horsforth. It will lead to urban sprawl and Rawdon will no longer have its distinct village character, it will just be merged into Horsforth and Guiseley.

Also, in HG3-4, wildlife habitats will be lost for bats, lapwing, curlew, sparrowhawk and tawny owl.

There are also not enough school places available for the people due to move into these new properties as school places are already oversubscribed.

Also, this plan has not been considered in line with the proposed Airport link road, which seems to have been put forward in isolation and I believe both the site allocation plan and the consideration of the proposed Airport link road should be planned together as they will impact each other especially on where houses should be allocated near the road. (I also believe that a rail link is necessary to the airport, not just building another road).

I am firmly against property development on greenbelt as I believe that there are brownfield sites available across Leeds that should be developed before greenbelt. LCC Core Strategy says that all brown field sites must be developed before greenbelt land. I also object to this development as I believe developers want to build property here mainly because of the postcodes involved, especially LS18 being a post code that increases property prices due to its proximity to good schools especially Horsforth School and Horsforth Station. They want to build here to increase their profit margins to the maximum, not because they want to provide new housing.

I am also opposed to the site allocation above as I believe the development would not be effective with the highway access of these developments being very limited. Southlands Avenue and Knott Lane are not suitable for access for these large amount of housing and access to the congested A65 would remain a problem and get worse with much increased traffic from these new developments.

The development is not legally compliant as there was no consultation on site HG2-12 prior to it being allocated to housing in Site Allocation Plans.

The development was not positively prepared as the site allocation plan for the Rawdon sites are not based on a comprehensive Greenbelt review as required by a previous

inspector when the passed the Core Strategy as sound.

The development is not in accordance with the NPPF and the council has not proved the 'exceptional circumstances' exist to outweigh the harm that development could cause to the greenbelt sites included.

Please do you approve this site allocations plan, I and many other object to it and it would change our current living environment out of all recognition.

Yours faithfully,  
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