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Dear Sir/Madam,

We want to voice our opposition to the proposed new housing in the Horsforth area on Green Belt land.

Horsforth is virtually gridlocked as it is, with vehicles parked on all streets all day. The schools are full. We struggle to get doctors appointments. We are a village. It is unfair to build so much of the proposed housing in the Leeds Core Strategy within the Horsforth area.

By building on Green Belt land Horsforth will become obsolete as a village, and will be subjected to massive urban sprawl. The number of houses Leeds City Council said would be needed has been proved to be wrong, with less actually being needed than was originally stated. Therefore, under no circumstances can building on Green Belt land be justified. Horsforth is losing its identity as it is. How can we justify developing what was officially the largest village in England, to the extent that it loses that identity? There are many brown field sites in and around Leeds that could be developed - and could actually enhance those areas - before we should even consider building on the Green Belt around Horsforth. Obviously it's cheaper to develop a green field site than a brown field one, and this is the pull factor for building companies. But it comes at the expense of Horsforth itself - which would be sacrificed so that big developers could demand a premium price for housing, when they could build houses in places where they would be more affordable to those people wanting to get on the housing ladder.

These proposed houses will not be the ones the Government are telling us need to be built, such as affordable starter homes and social housing.

Green Belt land is supposed to be a natural barrier between neighbouring towns and villages. We were supposed to be reassured that Green Belt land was there for the duration. Not that it could be dug up and built upon because it's a cheaper, but more lucrative, alternative to developing a brown field site. Surely this is illegal?

Yours faithfully

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cc Councillor Dawn Collins