

**From:**  
**To:** [Site Allocations Plan](#)  
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Dear Sir or Madam,

I would like to make my objections to the following development proposals. Re sites:

HG2-41 Fields south of A65, Horsforth roundabout to Rawdon Crematorium  
HG2-12 Fields at Woodlands Drive, Rawdon  
HG3-2, HG3-3, HG3-4 Fields off A65, Rawdon

I understand that the proposal to include these greenbelt and greenfield sites in the Local Plan is not consistent with national policy and that a commitment to use brownfield sites before greenfield is not being honoured. The proposal to use Strategic Green Infrastructure goes against Leeds Core Strategy.

The Government also attaches great importance to greenbelts and one view expressed was that greenbelt should only be used in exceptional circumstances and that meeting a set housing target would not necessarily constitute exceptional circumstances.

Proposals to build on greenbelt and greenfield sites will destroy green areas and lead to:

- a) unrestricted sprawl of large built up areas with neighbouring towns (ie Rawdon and Horsforth) merging into one another;
- b) valuable farming land and areas used by walkers, cyclists and horse-riders being lost forever;
- c) the loss of heritage and the special character of historic towns.

Furthermore, sites such as HG2-41 is an open valley area providing a section of green corridor from Rawdon to Horsforth. Building on this site would create a devastating visual impact; destroy a vital section of greenbelt and damage local ecology. Concreting over such a site would lead to the blurring of boundaries between Rawdon and Horsforth. It would also mean that anyone travelling from Guiseley into Leeds would see very little open green space along the entire A65 - aside from Rawdon Crematorium and Kirkstall Abbey.

The proposals do not take into account the detrimental effects development would have on the local infrastructure: GP surgeries; dental practices; local leisure facilities; and schools. These would all suffer as a result of a large influx of new residents.

Another major effect would be felt on the A65 Road. Already one of the busiest and most congested roads in Leeds, the A65 would become even more grid-locked and dangerous. Adding nearly 1,000 houses to the area will only increase the pressure on this main artery into Leeds city centre. Leeds City Council already appreciates how dangerous this road is given its relatively recent installation of a large number of speed cameras and two pedestrian crossings.

Leeds City Council proposals are not justified - the council should consider alternative proposals.

Yours sincerely  
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