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**To:** [Site Allocations Plan](#)  
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To whom it may concern,

RE: Letter of objection. Development of land Rawdon, Leeds.

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Site numbers:

HG3-4  
HG2-12  
HG2-41  
HG3-2  
HG3-3

Personal interest in sites:

I live in Rawdon. My husband & I only moved here, from the city centre, four years ago. We chose here as a place to start & raise our family. We love this area & wish to stay. I feel Rawdon has a special village identity within Leeds, with beautiful countryside on the doorstep. I have decided to write an objection letter as I believe it is important to be able to help shape where I live. There are a number of factors with the proposed developments that I disagree with.

Reasons for objection to developments:

1. Greenbelt & landscape (development not justified).

The development areas under consideration & proposed numbers of houses would ultimately change the rural character of Rawdon. It would change the community feel & landscape of the whole area. The historic Cragg Wood area would be disrupted, or lost. Mature trees & beautiful woodland would be destroyed. And wildlife habitats lost. A major consideration for my growing family & two small children. They are too young to comment or object - but it is their future that will need these green land areas.

The sites would merge the greenbelt areas between Rawdon/Bradford/Horsforth, resulting in more of an urban sprawl. Usually resulting in a loss of individuality for the whole area.

2. A65 & transport issues (development not effective)

The A65 & adjoining ring road is notoriously gridlocked, even with the recent changes to the roundabouts. Where else are all the new residents to travel? Even to get to rail links, in Horsforth or the new Apperley Bridge, means using the A65. Rawdon Town Street & Layton Road is already used as a 'rat-run' through to Horsforth. My sons attend the nursery on Town Street & in my experience the road is already too narrow for the existing road users. Passing traffic is very difficult as it is, & far too many heavy goods vehicles use the route already - past a primary school.

I also work in the city centre, just 6-7 miles away. I already leave for work generally at least 1-1 1/2 hours before work to account for traffic (by bus or car, doesn't make much difference). Adding so many more commuters along this route will make it not worth it.

Airport Link Road.

The same concerns go for the proposed airport link road. The A65 would still be congested in the same areas! The only benefit being that it may stop some HGVs travelling up & through Rawdon crossroads/Harrogate road. I also believe that the road would probably then open up the whole area to more development & housing - which I strongly object to again.

3. Consultation (development not legally compliant).

I believe that Leeds City Council have not made residents of the area aware enough about the development plans. I have seen no evidence of any formal advertising of consultations or information on where to access plans etc. I have also spoken to friends, who have no knowledge of any 'Leeds plan', let alone any information of local developments! There is no engagement with communities. The only information I have seen is through local campaign groups.

4. Other

Have alternative sites been considered? I have seen no evidence from Leeds City Council regarding why these sites have been chosen. What are the exceptional circumstances that make other sites unusable?

Are they justified in so many houses in one huge development?

The local schools are already over subscribed. I note from the plans HG2-41 has a primary school proposed. However, there are issues along with that too - again adding to the travel issues in this area. Also, what about the local high school places? All these extra primary children then must go to high school - can they cope? Extra GP services? Other local amenities?

Perhaps the numbers of houses proposed could be reduced?

I hope these issues are taken into consideration within future planning.

Thank you,

Claire Robertson