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We feel this proposed development is unworkable and will have a detrimental effect on the environment and quality of life of present residents , not to mention the lives of those who would choose to buy the properties , The main Leeds / Rawdon road A65 is already severely congested adding time to the shortest journey just to get to the local supermarket , health centre where the car parks in those places are always full .

The roads which branch off to destinations such as Kirkstall , Menston , Otley , Bradford , Leeds are equally stretched with traffic queuing particularly around the retail parks in Guiseley additional traffic will bring these roads to complete gridlock , the slightest disruption of a faulty traffic light ,accident or breakdown will bring traffic to a complete halt , leaving commuters stranded for hours , also resulting in missed and lost appointments which will have to be rescheduled causing disruption right across the board .

Side roads will become rat runs resulting in disruption and accidents , the road system also serves the airport which is equally busy , plus industrial sites , these are narrow roads designed for passive traffic flow and not for the scale of traffic we have today , in fact the width of the A65 has remained unchanged since the 1950 when there was little traffic around .

the location of these proposed properties are in the wrong place for the above reasons not to mention the environmental destruction , the greenbelt is home to many species , deer actually roam in these pastures , the wild flowers and insect population are an important part of the food chain for the many birds which inhabit the hedgerows , not just crows and magpies , but bullfinches , sparrow hawks , birds which avoid predators by nesting on the outskirts of greenbelt , wild flowers thrive in areas not contaminated by balsam and bramble , the grass is less dense and can accommodate species such as teasle , red poppies .

I cannot see what the advantages are of building the proposed number of homes in these greenbelt areas , nor have they being explained , unfortunately the disadvantages are only too evident to those of us who already live in this area , its no secret that road journeys are intolerable already so why impose even more congestion on the already burdened roads and why cause the abundant wildlife to diminish when there are alternative brown sites and empty properties in the area .

It could appear that the developers are hedging their bets that the greenfield sites will be more attractive to potential buyers at the expense of the existing population , a re think on this matter would be prudent and may produce a more amicable result .

Yours Sincerely John and Gillian Fulton