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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you to raise my objections to the proposed site allocations for housing. I am particularly concerned about sites HG2-41 the fields south of the A65 Horsforth roundabout to the crematorium, HG2-43 fields at Horsforth College, HG2-12 fields at Woodlands Drive Rawdon and HG3-2, HG3-3, HG3-4 fields off the A65 Rawdon. These areas encroach onto Green Belt Land in a not inconsiderable manner. The number of homes proposed will take out vast swathes of designated Green Belt Land. Green Belt legislation was designed to protect the countryside from development for a number of purposes, all of which are being ignored.

These proposals directly oppose central Government policy towards Green Belt development and ironically are completely opposite to the Leeds Core Strategy statements. National Government "attaches great importance to Green Belts" and "the fundamental aim of Green Belt policy is to prevent urban sprawl by keeping land permanently open; the essential characteristics of Green Belts are their openness and permanence". Once built upon the Green Belt will be permanently lost. Leeds strategy talks about "maximising opportunities to recycle previously developed land" and congratulations on developing the Kirkstall Forge site. It continues by stating "whilst minimising greenfield and Green Belt release" which the current proposals completely ignore. Brown Belt sites should be given a greater priority.

The scale of this proposed development makes me wonder how thoroughly the plans have been prepared. Are the statistics correct that such a development is required that means such large areas of Green Belt will disappear? Is this part of the countryside, which is enjoyed by many, to become an urban sprawl joining Horsforth to Rawdon? Are there no other alternative Brown sites available for development?

I trust the above points will make you reconsider your proposals and enable the Green Belt to remain just that.

Yours faithfully,
R Tucker.