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**To:** [Site Allocations Plan](#)  
**Cc:** [Stuart Andrew.MP](#)  
**Subject:** PDE00543\_Proposed development of HG2-12  
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Dear Sirs

I wish to register my opposition to building of homes on GREENBELT land. It is my understanding that government policy only allows this in exceptional circumstances & I do not believe this has been demonstrated in this area.

I am also concerned that Leeds has based its housing on obsolete data & that only 45k houses will be required & not 70k .This should be allocated to BROWNFIELD sites before any greenbelt. Once greenbelt land has been developed it is lost to the community forever & associated amenities such as: farm land, green barriers between towns, wildlife, footpaths & the historic character will be lost forever.

I am particularly concerned regarding the proposed development on HG2-12 which until recently was farmed for winter feed & used for grazing sheep & cattle during summer. This is a loss to the farmer, the local economy & eventually the country. This field is adjacent to the Cragg Wood Conservation area & the Leeds Country Way footpath runs alongside. Wildlife such as deer & bats have been spotted so development can only upset the natural balance in the area.

Access to this site is poor, unmade track (New York Lane)to the north, Private road (Woodlands Drive) to the south & Southlands Avenue to the east, which is unsuitable for additional traffic from 130 homes.

Access to Knott Lane would be difficult as this is a country lane & the only exit from Rawdon Crematorium. The junction then with the A65 is already difficult as traffic is often backed up from Horsforth Roundabout beyond Carr Lane. I do not believe local improvements will do anything to ease overall congestion with the ever increasing volumes of traffic.

Finally I am concerned that public services will be unable to cope with a large influx of people in an area already stretched by numerous existing building projects.

I trust you will consider all the above & reject the proposed development of HG2-12.

Yours faithfully

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