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I am writing to set out my objections to LCC's plan to build on greenbelt land, particularly in the locality of our house on London Lane, Rawdon - itself a conservation area.

The sites that I most object to being released for housing are:-

- HG2-12 Fields at Woodlands Drive , Rawdon
- HG3-2, HG3-3, HG3-4 Fields off A65 Rawdon
- HG2-41 Fields south of A65 Horsforth roundabout to the crematorium
- HG2-43 Fields at Horsforth College Campus

My wife has owned this property for more than 20 years and one of the reasons she bought the house in the first place was the surrounding environment, with swathes of greenery available for numerous leisure purposes. Since we have been married, I too have come to appreciate the benefits of this locality.

I accept that LCC needs to produce a Local Plan with areas for new housing, and that most residents would prefer new developments not to be in their back yards.

HOWEVER, what I do not accept is that LCC's plan to include these green belt sites in the Local Plan is consistent with national policy.

No-one can have any objection to the redevelopment of brownfield sites. No-one apart from property developers perhaps, as greenfields are much less expensive for them to develop!

Indeed, the many derelict sites across the city are crying out for regeneration. LCC council taxpayers would surely unite in approval of a council which solved the question of sites for new housing whilst also making the environment more attractive for all.

in addition, the use of Strategic Green Infrastructure is at odds with the Leeds Core Strategy.

Apart from these 'technical' matters, there are also the very many practical matters to take into account.

The A65 must be one of the most congested in the city, made more so by the 2,000 new homes developed in Aireborough over the last 15 years.

Add to the traffic congestion the pressure on schools, dentists and doctors and what is currently a lovely place to live becomes unlivable.

Finally, yet again LCC seems to be failing to take account of latest data when making decisions that impact on so many of its residents. The Local Plan is seeking 70,000 additional homes by 2028 yet the projected population growth by that date requires 46,000. Still a large number, but many fewer than LCC is seeking to allocate now.

I hope that my comments are taken into account in this serious matter.

Yours faithfully

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