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I have lived in Rawdon for over 30 years and have enjoyed the beautiful green fields, the exceptional wildlife (deer, bats, owls, squirrels, red kites and sparrowhawks) just to name a few. I have loved and shared the local community spirit. I have enjoyed relaxing and exercising by walking without having to get into a car and join the many traffic jams trying to get to the countryside polluting the atmosphere. If this development went ahead we would lose Rawdon Cragg Wood conservation area, we would lose our wildlife habitat, our Grade 3 farmland and we would also lose our strategic green infrastructure of Aire Valley. There has been no comprehensive greenbelt review as required under core strategy. Why not use brownfield sites? they are available elsewhere across Leeds and the Leeds core strategy says that these should be used before greenbelt land, this is not justified.

I have seen a dramatic increase in traffic over the years, and this has just got worse with the alterations to Horsforth and Rodley roundabouts. Many a time I am stuck in a queue with cars just not moving and car fumes polluting the air. The traffic up Knott Lane has increased due to extended hours at the crematorium, cars can be parked at the side of the road with traffic queuing back causing a bottleneck joining the A65. Many a time I am returning home to Southlands Avenue and are unable to get down Knott Lane due to the traffic from the crematorium, it is only a matter of time before an accident happens!! As a nurse I am also concerned with all the extra traffic and pollution affecting our health, particularly the carbon monoxide affecting people with respiratory problems as well as all the stress of being sat in a traffic jam!! The infrastructure just can't cope. Local schools are oversubscribed, doctors are already running to full capacity with a national shortage of Gp's and nurses. Increasing local transport will only add to the already traffic chaos.

I am very concerned with all these issues and hope you will consider again. We should be looking after our greenbelt areas and preserving them for our future generations, not destroying them. Children should be able to enjoy the local countryside and its habitat. Once this is gone it's gone forever!!!! I certainly wouldn't want that on my conscience, would you???

A very concerned resident.