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To: [Site Allocations Plan](#)
Subject: PDE00614_Consultation to build on greenbelt land in Horsforth and Rawdon area
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Dear Leeds City Council, Planning Department

We strongly oppose your proposal to build on green belt land and also to build on green belt land before designated brown belt land, which is not justified and consistent / aligned with national policy. The areas we are most concerned about are:

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

We have lived in this area of Leeds for over twenty years and noticed that the surge in traffic / congestion, has significantly increased. The results are a constant 'rush hour traffic state', which is experienced throughout the day typically from 6.30 am to 19.30 pm seven days a week. The current infrastructure and new traffic modifications e.g. roundabouts at Horsforth / Rodley and new train station at lower Horsforth have not eased the extreme traffic congestion.

We question your continued desire to build in West Leeds before other areas of Leeds, it is an unethical policy. Typically houses that are built in this area tend to be predominately executive builds which are not affordable housing for young families.

Unfortunately the outstanding schools in this area attract building developers. However the current schools have very long waiting lists for pupil admission and that is set to significantly increase. If you build more schools, that may eliviate the problem in the short term. However the policy of building more schools and houses will perpetuate and increase the fact that developers want to build in this area as it is financially more beneficial for them than in other less affluent areas of Leeds.

The very reason schools do so well in this area is due to having green belt land which plays a vital role in our local children's education e.g. experiencing nature, physical education and recreational use which we use for local walks on a constant daily basis.

Access to green belt land plays a vital role in ours, our family's and local community's / neighbours daily lifes, by contributing to our physical and mental wellbeing. This is one of the main reasons why we moved to Horsforth and wish to live here for our future wellbeing.

Finally we feel that Leeds City Council is out of touch with local people's wishes and daily lives. We strongly question your motives and reasons for building in this part of Leeds and on those specific sites when there is far more suitable / viable

land in other less affluent parts of Leeds which is more affordable and probably less attractive to developers for that reason.

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