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Re Rawdon Planning Application Concern.

Dear Sir / Madam,

I write to you with regard to the recent planning proposals submitted in the Rawdon Green Belt areas. I feel the approach taken by Leeds City Council is truly outrageous, allowing planning to be given on green belt areas before brownfield is fundamentally wrong and is against national policy and goes against Leeds' own core strategy.

I have lived the vast majority of my life in Rawdon, and it is a beautiful place to live. The Green spaces around the village are vital to maintain the village's character. Many of the local residents currently use the outdoor areas for exercise helping promote healthy and active lifestyles. My family use many of the green spaces listed for walking, playing and spending time as a family. Losing the green belt will damage the village making Rawdon a less green, environmentally friendly place to live.

I am seriously concerned about the impact building so many new houses in the local area, the infrastructure in the local area will not cope. The A65 is far too busy at the moment, with traffic heading into Leeds or towards Guiseley throughout the day. I feel that building around the A65 will impact negatively on the Economy of Leeds, Business people arriving from the airport will struggle to get into Leeds with the extra traffic on the road. I think the proposed Airport link road via Ghyll Beck will only add to the problems as it will dump more traffic on the A65 near a proposed new building site. The only solution for this must be to ensure a rail link via Horsforth train station is built, taking airport traffic off the road and ensuring a fast reliable link to the CPD of Leeds, why would business people want to travel by road for an hour, when they could be in the centre of Leeds by rail in 10 minutes. Schools in this areas are already oversubscribed and added new houses will impact on this further. I feel sites HG3-2, 3 and 4 will cause major problems to the number of school places, as this would feed into heavily over subscribed schools, as noted in the Council have to complete a public consultation on school places just 5 years ago. These sites particularly HG3 and 4 are in beautiful parts of Rawdon and will impact the environment particularly around Ghyll Beck.

I am concerned about the size of the proposal at HG2-41, simply because this is a huge development, I do not feel the local infrastructure could cope with so many more people, it is already hard to get an appointment at our local doctors, traveling along the A65 has progressively got worse.

I look forward to your response to this email and desperately hope that council rethink their

plans to ensure a beautiful place is not destroyed for future generations.

Yours Sincerely

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