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I am writing to object to the proposed developments which I believe are not justified and would have a significant and detrimental visual impact. Here, I make specific reference to site reference numbers: HG2-12 and HG2-41. Rawdon has a distinct character which is directly attributable to its geographic position and its natural beauty, which includes its fields, open spaces and woodland. The disappearance of any more areas through development seriously jeopardises these natural features for all to enjoy, resident or visitor. Furthermore, areas designated as safeguarded land fall also under this banner (HG3-2, HG3-3 and HG3-4).

Such unrestricted natural boundaries create the distinctiveness and uniqueness of an area – they are the “intangibles” almost, features that make you know you are in Rawdon and these features need to be retained. Furthermore, any development on greenbelt land, in particular, is totally inconsistent with the objectives and purpose of greenbelt land and must not be allowed. Needless to say that wildlife habitats would be directly impacted too.

We cannot take our open spaces and nature for granted in Rawdon. We must do what we can to preserve them. It matters. Otherwise, everywhere simply looks the same as the next place and this has already happened in some areas. Our character and identity are threatened by the proposed developments.

Kind regards,

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