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Subject: New Houses in Rawdon / Horsforth

Dear Sir

Site Ref: HG3-4 130 houses
 HG3-2 81 houses
 HG3-3 35 houses

 HG2-41 777 houses
 HG2-12 130 houses

Having received notification of the proposed housing site in the Rawdon area I would like to state that I **strongly disagree** with this proposal.

I live on Layton Lane, Rawdon and all the above sites would have an impact on us. I understand that the access to site HG3-4 would be on to Layton Lane, this would create at least another 260 vehicles (130 houses at 2 cars per household at least). Layton Lane is already a very busy road with cars cutting through from the main A65 towards Yeadon and Guiseley. This includes many industrial vehicles too.

The A65 is already an extremely busy road leading into Leeds. I used to work at the former Clariant site HG1-96 etc and it used to take me half an hour to get to work from Layton Lane due to the volume of traffic on the A65, ring road and Horsforth roundabout and that was before any houses were built! Can you please let me know where on earth another 2000++ of cars (just from HG2-41/Clariant site) are going to go? This is going to become the M25!

All the other sites would also impact on the traffic up Layton Lane with vehicles cutting through as above.

The former Clariant site I believe has had planning permission passed for new houses surely this is sufficient for this area. You need to get the infrastructure in place before homes are built.

As I drive around Leeds I see many areas of land suitable for building that would not impact greatly on anyone and also buildings that could do with being demolished and new homes built - is it easier to build in a field!!!!!!! There are many small pockets of land in between streets that are not considered green belt where houses could be built i.e. the green area going up King Lane LS17, areas on the ring road etc. Maybe this is not considered a profitable site for the builders - it's not about money it's about getting it right for the people who live in the area and for the city Leeds.

By building all these houses infrastructure has to be in place, Schools, GP Surgeries, Supermarkets, Services etc. These are already over subscribed! Where are the new home owners going to go shopping or use the local facilities. Horsforth town street is already a nightmare to park and so is Yeadon. Although Morrison's in both areas has a big car park it is still very difficult to get a parking space and you have to drive around several times before you can park, this is now. Lets put another 2000 cars into the equation! GP surgeries are already struggling with the volume of patients in all areas and it difficult enough to get an appointment now.

By building on greenbelt area wildlife would be affected. We have seen bats, deer, rabbits, owls all of which would disappear. This is not the right way forward.

I have noticed many houses are now becoming shops/businesses i.e. the High Street in Yeadon from Morrisons to Murgatroyds and yet the main High Street/Town Hall area has shop unit stood empty. A house should be used as a house and although this would not solve the housing issue it would help a little.

To sum up:

A65 / Ring road not suitable for any more volume of traffic

By building on greenbelt area all our villages blur into one city centre

Leeds and Bradford would merge into one big city

Wildlife affected.

Services not adequate for more residents

Two Leeds villages Horsforth/Rawdon would just become an estate

Fill up empty land from Leeds city centre outwards.

As a resident in Rawdon I love living here as I can walk across the road and be walking in

fields. If I wanted to be in an estate I would have bought a house nearer the city centre.

Rawdon is a village lets keep it that way.

Best Regards

Maria Colman