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To: [Site Allocations Plan](#)
Cc: [Stuart Andrew.MP](#); hello@rgag.org.uk
Subject: PDE00744_Public Consultation - Site Allocations Plan
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Dear Sirs

I write to express my strong objection to the Site Allocations Plan contained in the LCC Core Strategy for development in and around Rawdon.

The particular site references to which I object are:

HG2-41. This site is within LCCs designated Special Landscape Area, and is a greenbelt area. It visually marks the boundary between Leeds and Bradford. No comprehensive Greenbelt review has been carried out, as required by the previous Inspector of the Core Strategy. Recent "improvements" to the ring road roundabout on the A65 have done nothing to reduce the already unacceptable traffic congestion, and the addition of 777 houses will add to the problems. There are no shops within convenient walking distance, or medical services.

HG3-2, HG3-3 and HG3-4. These Safeguarded Land sites, along with HG2-12 are UK Biodiversity Action Plan Priority Habitats, hosting wild deer, bats, fieldfare, lapwing, curlew, sparrowhawk, and tawny owl. The sites contain protected mature trees and woodland, and a native bluebell wood. My children enjoyed these spaces, my grandchildren enjoy them now.

It is environmental vandalism to destroy these sites to produce a number of houses which the 2011 census and latest National Housing Federation projections indicate to be 25,000 more than is needed.

Under Section 9 of the National Planning Policy Framework it states that Green belt land serves to:

- check the unrestricted sprawl of large built up areas
- safeguard the countryside from encroachment
- preserve the setting and character of historic towns
- encourage the recycling of derelict urban land.

The proposals ignore these considerations and are therefore inconsistent with national policy.

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