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To: [Site Allocations Plan](#); [Stuart Andrew.MP](#)
Subject: PDE00817_Keep Rawdon Green - objection to development HG3-4
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Dear Sir / Madam,

I live at no.62 Layton Lane in Rawdon and am writing our objections to plans to develop 130 houses on HG3-4 and against other HG developments in the nearby area.

My wife, my daughter (14 months) and I moved from Farsley in November 2014. We chose this area because of the countryside view and greenbelt. Since we moved in we are expecting another child. As you can imagine with two children, green space will be valuable to our family. On a personal level my daughter already loves the wildlife in the fields - hedgehogs, birds, squirrels, mice and voles, the tractors and the trees. These were some of her first words. This would be a valuable loss to us, especially with no play-parks or amenities nearby. This development would make it a very unfriendly environment to bring up children.

I appreciate the decision can not be based on personal implications, below are my comments addressing the soundness of the councils plans. All of these comments highlights that the development is not effective or justified:

1. **Increased traffic** will make the commute to work almost un-manageable. I already have to spend 45 minutes minimum in the car to get to and from work. I work near the old Yorkshire Post building. This means that residents in this area will have less and less time with their families. This is not a problem if Leeds do not see families as an important demographic to the city. In addition our cat has already been hit by increased traffic in the area.
2. **Loss of Cragg Wood Conservation area and Ghyll Beck.** This is an area popular with dog walkers, families, hikers and much wildlife (including bats and fieldfare and we suspect lapwing, which we have seen whilst walking). With it lost, more people will be walking on the roads, or not exercising because there is restricted leisure space. In addition we will be losing an attractive feature and draw to the area.
3. **Wildlife habitats lost.** We have two hedgehogs living in our garden and have seen rabbits, bats, many species of birds, mice, voles, squirrels and lots of established tree's and plants. Leeds is a beautiful green city and by building more houses in green belt areas we lose what Yorkshire stands for; cosmopolitan and some of the countries finest country side living in close proximity.
4. We were **unaware that the council held a Public consultation** about their plans in 2013 and that this current consultation process was taking place. If it wasn't for fliers and other local residents we would be entirely unaware of the potential development, which will have such a huge impact on our family and neighbours.
5. Finally **loss of value to our home.** The development of HG3-4 will have a negative impact on the value of our house and neighbours. This means that the Leeds council are failing to support our decision to live in Leeds and invest in the area. To us this feels like the council is disregarding the needs of current residents.

Development in this area will lead my family to leave Rawdon, and possibly Leeds. Our family live in the South West. I run a department for a kids entertainment company. My department generates £2m revenue per annum, of which non of that revenue is derived from Leeds, it is either from abroad or London. My wife is a senior chemistry teacher at Roundhay School, which she

loves and is looking forward to a long career at that high performing school.. We believe we are valuable and active members of the community and would be upset to leave Rawdon/Leeds, but this development would make our decision to stay very hard to justify.

I hope this email portraits why this development is not sound for current Rawdon residents and the area.

Kind Regards
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