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I am writing to raise my concerns about the proposed house building in Rawdon /Horsforth.

Not justified

I believe the development is not justified. As a resident of Rawdon for almost my entire life, the building would destroy large areas of greenbelt. All proposed sites are in greenbelt, and the proposed houses would blur the gap between Leeds & Bradford (and also Rawdon & Horsforth), as well as losing the identity of Rawdon village.

The A65 road is already awful with traffic, and the proposed site of HG2-41 is totally unsustainable and dangerous. The road is already at gridlock, how can an additional 777 houses at this site help the situation? Also there would only be a one point access for site HG2-12 causing additional major congestion.

As a mum of 2 I enjoy walking, cycling etc and proposed sites HG2-12, HG3-2, HG3-3 , HG3-4 would destroy the green infrastructure of Aire valley. The Leeds country way runs through/ alongside these proposed sites, and to build on these sites would forever remove these recreational sites, also harming nature and ecology. We want our children and grandchildren to continue to enjoy the greenbelt land and the nature that lives on it as we did when we were children, and still do now as parents.

Not effective

There would only be one access point to HG2-12, which is totally inadequate for 130 houses. Also HG2-12, HG3-3, HG3-3 would cause enormous additional congestion on an already heavily congested road. The A65 is an incredibly busy road, with often severe traffic jams and I fear for the traffic situation if the planned housing were to go ahead.

Not legally compliant

Having read flyers I also believe HG2-12 is not legally compliant as it was not included in Issues and Options consultation in June, and there was no consultation on this site prior to it being allocated to housing in Site Allocations Plan.

Not positively prepared

Finally, according to flyers, the development has not been positively prepared as site allocations plans for the Rawdon sites are not based on a comprehensive Greenbelt review as required by inspectors, making the site allocations plan unsound. Have all possible alternatives been explored? There must be brownfield sites available across Leeds, which could be developed before greenbelt land.

Kind regards

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