From:

To: <u>Site Allocations Plan</u>

Subject: PDE00929_Objection to building of new houses on Rawdon/Horsforth greenbelt

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my concern and objection to the planned new housing on Rawdon and Horsforth greenbelt land. In addition, I would also like to object to the building of a new airport link road across fields separating Horsforth, Rawdon and Yeadon.

The green belt land surrounding these areas provides vital space for people to relax and engage with their community. The land, fields, walks and nature found here make it a beautiful place to live, to raise children and to experience something other than hustle and bustle of Leeds city centre. Building on this land would discourage current homeowners from staying in the area (myself and my husband, and many of our friends included) and instead would look for alternative areas to purchase our next family home. We love being able to enjoy the countryside on our doorstep. It was a major factor in deciding to move to the area originally, and will be a major factor in determining our future plans.

The current traffic on the stretch of A65 road between Rawdon crossroads and the newly refurbished Horsforth roundabout is already very congested during busy periods (between the hours of 0730 and 0930) with the majority of traffic occurring between Rawdon Crematorium and Horsforth roundabout. The planned building on the field next to the crematorium would increase this congestion tenfold, if not more. It would be absolutely unbearable. I challenge you to try and hold your patience in the current traffic on a morning and see if you feel 600 new houses on this site would help or hinder the situation. The proposed new airport link road would do absolutely nothing to help this, and would simply funnel more traffic into the most congested parts of the A65.

There will be implications for school places, local businesses, parking, air pollution, public transport, the need for extra police in the area etc. I wonder whether these issues have been considered and the consequences thoroughly analysed.

I am grateful for the time taken to read this and other objections put forward. I hope they allow an insight into how locals view these plans and the deep concerns we all have.

Kind regards

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