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To Whom it may concern

**Objection - to site plans HG2-12 Woodlands Drive, HG2-41 Rawdon Crematorium, HG3-2 Knot Lane West, HG3-3 Knott Lane East, HG3-4 Layton Lane**

I wish to object to all the plans listed above on the following grounds:-

**Greenbelt and conservation area will be lost forever** – this in is direct contravention of central government’s commitment to the green belt. Chapter 9 of the NPPF, states in paragraph 79:“The Government attaches great importance to Green Belt. The fundamental aim of greenbelt policy is to prevent urban sprawl by keeping land permanently open; the essential characteristics of Green Belts are their openness and their permanence.”

**Priority Wildlife habitats will be lost** - all sites contain protected trees and woodland. I have witnessed the presence of badgers, deer, bats and owls and the loss of the greenbelt can only have a detrimental effect on those creatures.

**Brownfield sites should be used for housing** - not green belt and conservation areas. I find it incredible that the council has sanctioned the use of the old BHS site at Kirkstall traffic lights for more commercial use, despite the presence of the Morrisons estate next door. This to me was the perfect Brownfield site for the council to sanction the building of houses on.

**HG12-12 has been allocated even though sustainable appraisal scores 7** - the worst of all nearby sites and only has one access point. Also, this site has severe surface water flooding.

**The A65 is currently a bottleneck for traffic** - the Horsforth roundabout/A65 beyond it cannot cope with extra cars. I live on Underwood Drive and have to drop my son at the bus stop on Rawdon Road at the top of Knott Lane. Every morning, the traffic is backed up past the entrance to Knott Lane from Horsforth roundabout. If I turn right onto Knott Lane then it takes me 20 minutes to travel the one mile to Horsforth roundabout. As I work in Leeds, I have to travel that way – I have no alternative to either queue in the traffic or take a rat run by instead of turning right at the top of Knott Lane, turn left then immediately right up Layton Lane, at the top turn right onto Layton Road and then right down West End Lane down to West End Rise and then

either turn right on Hall Lane back down to the A65, or turn right towards Horsforth and rejoin Broadway (A6120) by the 11<sup>th</sup> Earl pub. All to avoid the queue down to Horsforth roundabout. The story is similar on my commute home – I normally hit Horsforth roundabout at 6-15/6-30pm and queue on New Road Side for 15 - 20 minutes. THIS HAPPENS EVERY SINGLE MORNING AND EVENING. There is simply no space for any more traffic in the area.

**Schools are currently oversubscribed.**

**Your proposal is totally unsound and not in accordance with the NPPF** - especially protecting green belt, conserving natural environment and historic environments.

In summary, if the Council had carried out a genuinely comprehensive Green Belt review the site allocations would have followed it, and not lead the plan. This has not been the case.

Yours faithfully

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