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Dear Sir,

I write in response to the Site Allocation Draft Plan concerning housing development on Greenbelt land in Rawdon.

The site allocations plan for Rawdon is NOT based on a comprehensive review of Greenbelt, as required by the previous inspector when he passed the Core Strategy as 'sound'.

The development cannot be justified for the following reasons:

- The NPPF clearly says that Greenbelt boundaries should only be altered in exceptional circumstances.
- The Council has not proved that proposed housing developments are exceptional circumstance.
- There are brownfield sites within Leeds that are available for housing and, as LCC's Core Strategy states, these should be developed before green belt land.
- A substantial number of empty apartment buildings in Leeds should be converted to homes.
- Greenbelt will be lost for ever if the plans go ahead meaning the protection against urban sprawl will be lost and the semi rural character of the area will also be lost. The amenity it provides by way of open space is greatly valued by those of us who live here and in the surrounding areas.
- There are serious infrastructure constraints. The A65 is at capacity and long delays are already encountered by commuters and other road users. Additional developments, including those within Bradford Council's area but close to Rawdon, would make road conditions almost impossible. The recent developments at Horsforth roundabout were only designed for current traffic flows in mind and not with a view of future developments of housing, the airport or other businesses.
- Schools in Rawdon are already over subscribed so there would not be enough places to accommodate the number of children expected if the proposed housing was built.
- Leeds should be revising down the housing targets in response to recent ONS projections that it needs 45,000 units rather than the 70,000 on which the SAP is based.

I trust that these concerns will be fully taken into account when final decisions are made.

Yours faithfully,

Peter Thompson.