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To: [Site Allocations Plan](#)
Subject: PDE00976_Rawdon Greenbelt - Objection to housing development
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Dear sirs,

I am concerned that the site allocations plan is unsound because the Council has not carried out a genuinely comprehensive Green Belt review.

In particular, I am concerned about the inadequacy of the current infrastructure to support additional housing at the scale being proposed. Traffic in the area is already a big issue. Works to the Rodley and Horsforth roundabouts seemed to have made matters worse adding an additional 15-20 minutes to my each way commute - I am concerned this is likely to get even worse once the current developments at Horsforth Vale and The Forge are complete and additional traffic is fed into the road network.

Schools, doctors and other facilities are also already oversubscribed in the area and would need to be considered as part of any workable plan to build more houses.

Over and above the practical elements which make proposed plans unworkable, I am concerned that we should not develop our precious greenbelt without first ensuring we have redeveloped sites across the city that would benefit from investment. It would be a travesty to lose from our city the very asset that sets it apart from other sprawling urbanised connerbations.

And finally, I am concerned that legislation brought forward by Government to increase housing stock, in particular social housing stock, is being used by developers to line there own pockets. Exploiting opportunities to build expensive housing in desirable locations. We must look at the housing needs of our city and ensure that only those plans that address those needs are passed.

Kind regards

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