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Dear Sir/Madam

I attach my response to the above consultation, which lists my objections to the development of greenbelt sites in my area and the reasons therefor.

On a totally personal level, I largely work from home, and I walk the green fields and public footpaths of this area every day with my dog, as do many others not just from the area but elsewhere. We recognise that we are fortunate to have such natural resources available, and they contribute enormously to wellbeing, providing exercise and fresh air to families and walking groups. To allow development to the extent proposed would have a detrimental impact on the lives and health of people in the area, and it is of concern to me that a number of long-standing residents are looking to move right away from the area in disgust at the proposed plans. If this population drift continues there will be no shortage of housing stock in the area. I have lived in my present house since 1988 and am passionate about the village of Rawdon and its nature. However, if the reasons for wanting to live here no longer apply, then I might as well move away from the city as well. I fully recognise the need for additional housing, but it MUST reflect what is needed and not what developers want to sell; this area needs more retirement housing to free up housing stock from those wishing to downsize. It is the sort of area where once you are here, you do not (until now) want to leave if at all possible, so a cradle to grave housing mix is what is realistically required. If the Localism Act 2011 is not going to be a complete mockery, then the Site Allocations Plan MUST reflect the type of housing needs and the accurate housing numbers required in the local area.

I should be most grateful if you would acknowledge receipt of this email.

Yours faithfully

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