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Dear Sir

I am writing to express my grave concerns regarding the proposed housing development in Horsforth.

I am particularly concerned about the sites:

HG2-41 Fields south of A65, Horsforth roundabout to the crematorium

HG2-42 Fields at Broadwy and Calverly Lane, Horsforth

HG2-43 Fields at Horsforth College Campus

HG2-12 Fields at Woodland Drive, Rawdon

HG3-2, HG3-3 & HG3-4 Fields off A65, Rawdon

My main objection is that the proposal to include these development sites goes completely against the Government's National Planning Policy Framework which specifically states that greenbelt cannot be used just to meet housing targets. There is much detail within this framework which shows that the proposal by Leeds City Council to include these sites would be completely against government policy. Furthermore the proposed development of these greenbelt sites would be contrary to Leeds City Council's own Core Strategy! I am therefore at a loss to see the justification for even considering these sites. What is the point of having a Core Strategy approved and then completely ignoring it?

I am aware that more housing is needed but the figures are disputable given the latest census which shows the need to be less than previously thought. I cannot understand why these new figures have not been considered. The number of houses required is in fact significantly lower than Leeds City Council's 70,000 target and this is an important point to consider.

It also seems absurd that several brownfield sites have been sold to developers and yet are not being developed. These sites would go some way to reducing the number of new sites required to be found. The developers don't seem to have any obligation once the sites have been purchased. Does this then justify losing forever our very precious greenbelt land? Surely brownfield sites should be developed before greenbelt is even considered.

Another concern is that the development of these sites, especially HG2-41, HG2-12, HG3-2 and HG3-3 would effectively serve to merge Horsforth and Rawdon. This is again completely at odds with the NPPF.

I can see no justification for proposing these sites and I feel passionately about preserving, protecting and enhancing the natural environment in and around Horsforth. I grew up here and now my daughter is raising her family here and I am completely devastated that the Council is considering destroying forever greenbelt land which should be preserved for future generations. It is crucial that we maintain areas of biodiversity such as site HG2-41.

On top of all this I am extremely concerned about the strain that these proposed developments will put on the infrastructure in and around Horsforth. For instance the cumulative effect of all these developments will completely overstretch the already clogged A65.

In conclusion I would like to challenge the soundness and legality of these proposed developments in relation to national planning laws and the adopted Leeds Core Strategy. Once the greenbelt is destroyed it is gone forever! This would be a travesty so please, listen to the people of Leeds and reconsider these plans.

Yours sincerely
Mrs Shelley-Ann Hill