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To: [Site Allocations Plan](#)
Cc: [Stuart Andrew.MP:](#)
Subject: PDE01078_Site allocation public consultation objection
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Dear Leeds City Council

I write in regard to your site allocation public consultation for Rawdon.

I would like to lodge my strong objections to: HG3-4, HG3-2, HG3-3, HG2-2, HG2-41, HG2-43

I accept that we need more homes but there are no exceptional circumstances that justify building them on greenbelt land which was cause irreparable damage. There is ample brownbelt land that should be considered first. The use of brownbelt land has not been adequately considered which is not consistent with National Planning Policy Framework that encourages urban regeneration through recycling derelict and other urban land. Using this greenbelt land does not check the unrestricted sprawl of built-up areas and also effectively merges Rawdon & Horsforth together. We love living in Rawdon because it is separated from Horsforth and other parts of Leeds by greenbelt, we moved out this way to have more of a village life for our children away from the urban sprawl.

Building on these proposed sites will put an unsustainable burden on the A65. Horsforth Roundabout has created it's own urban legend owing to it's reputation as being completely hellish at any time of day to cross.

These plans are not positively prepared as they do not represent a comprehensive greenbelt review strategy as required by the Council's Core strategy; they are selective, flawed and unsound.

I have 2 small children who enjoy nature and walking in the country. The proposed developments, at Ghyll Beck in particular, will permanently destroy priority habitats, as defined by UK Biodiversity Action Plan, affecting wildlife and flora. The UK bee population is in decline and this will mean the loss of an apiary. These plans also eradicate Grade 3 farmland, costing family's livelihoods and the loss of heritage. My children will attend the local schools which are already full and cannot accommodate more families in the area. All of this fails to fit with LCC's Strategic Green Infrastructure Areas and Special Landscape Areas.

I do not agree with the proposed new airport link road route. Any increases in road capacity will logically lead to increases in traffic. The solution is a rail link and I would like to a serious proposal for this from the Council.

Unmet housing needs should not exceed maintaining greenbelt policy. Leeds does not need 70,000 new homes, the National Housing Federation and the 2011 census show it is more likely to be around 45,000 so the Council is not responding flexibly to changing population pressures. These proposals are not justified, not effective, not legal, not positively prepared and not in accordance with the NPPF.

I do however write this with a feeling of cynicism as I am sure that the developments are a foregone conclusion and will go ahead despite the fact they are unlawful.

Yours faithfully

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