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To: [Site Allocations Plan](#)
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Subject: PDE01086_Proposed housing development in Rawdon/Horsforth
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We are writing to express our concern at the proposed housing development on green belt sites in Rawdon and Horsforth, which we believe will have a very significant and negative effect on the local environment.

We live on London Street, in the 'Little London' area of Rawdon. Our children go to school off New Road Side in Horsforth, and we both drive to work in the centre of Leeds most days. I should point out that we drive to work primarily because there is inadequate parking at Horsforth train station and on the roads around the station, a situation which is going to be made much worse if there is a significant increase in the number of residents in the area.

We feel that the roads in these areas are already at gridlock, despite the supposed recent improvement works at the roundabout leading onto New Road Side, which appear to have done little to alleviate the issues with the movement of traffic. The proposed developments would result in a volume of traffic which is unsustainable and unsafe. Large numbers of children in the area currently walk to school and to the parks in the area – it will not be safe to do this if the roads get much busier.

In our immediate area, leading onto Apperley Lane, we have already seen housing development just past Woodhouse Grove School, which will increase traffic, and we have a concern that once the railway station re-opens at Apperley Bridge, there will be increased traffic as people drive to and from the station as part of their daily commute to work. Even without the station, Micklefield Lane is frequently gridlocked with traffic going towards Greengates.

We have particular concerns about the sites proposed just off the A65 between Rawdon and New Road Side (HG2-12, HG3-2, HG3-3, HG3-4, HG2-41, HG2-43). This stretch of road simply cannot take any more traffic. This should be our most straightforward route for the school run, however, it can take around 45 minutes to complete this short journey from Rawdon to Horsforth on the A65 and as a result we, and many others, take alternative routes through residential areas and past schools on roads which are just not built for large volumes of traffic. We should not be encouraging additional volumes of traffic on these minor and already congested roads (e.g. past St. Peter's School and via the very bad junction at Bayton Lane), and further congestion on the A65 will undoubtedly do this.

We also have concerns about the approach taken to these developments – we do not think it is justified to use these green belt sites while there are alternative brownfield sites available. We believe this goes against the Leeds Core Strategy, and is also inconsistent with national policy.

We very much hope that you will consider local residents, existing and future, and reconsider these proposed developments.

Many thanks

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