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**To:** [Site Allocations Plan](#)  
**Subject:** PDE01089\_Leeds Site Allocation Plans- Formal Objection  
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Dear Sirs,

I wish to formally object to those plans being proposed by Leeds City Council for the development of areas within Aireborough and particularly Rawdon.

Even without identifying sites:

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It is clear that the area as it is at present cannot cope with the sheer volume of vehicular traffic and the train links to Leeds are overcrowded and at times unreliable.

Since the development of the site of the old hospital site at Menston, High Royds, the train service from Ilkley to Leeds is considerably oversubscribed and there appear to be no recognition of this and any solution to be put in place.

Despite major works being undertaken at Horsforth roundabout, this has done nothing to alleviate the traffic flow problems, indeed, it has made it worse, as the timings are incorrect. The bottom line is that unless a great deal more money is spent the road simply cannot accommodate the traffic already using it. Current road infrastructure will need to be massively upgraded. Bearing in mind the years it has taken Leeds City Council to “upgrade” Horsforth roundabout, this will not happen, as Leeds City Council cannot maintain the infrastructure it already has responsibility for.

Additionally, the proposed “roads” to service Leeds Bradford Airport will not alleviate any traffic issues, whichever road scheme is adopted will simply add to it.

If there was a reliable and credible system of public transport the congestion **may** be reduced but as this area is simply seen as a cash cow for the Council, no consideration is given to this aspect.

The schools in the area are overcrowded and have been extended to accommodate the influx of residents. That extension is not by way of permanent structures but “portable” classrooms, making the school look like a shanty town and reducing resources for the pupils.

The fields on which the proposed developments are to take place, are used by local adult and children’s groups for recreation and “nature study”, as there are deer and other wildlife not usually found in this type of area. Additionally, many recreational pursuits will be lost by the development of the Greenfield sites. These development proposals are **NOT** consistent with the national policy and the sites should remain as part of Leeds Strategic Green Infrastructure. From research, it would seem that Leeds City Council has totally inadequate and insufficient policies in place to address the severe issues these developments will cause, as detailed above.

The development of the sites will lead to villages within the locality of the proposed sites being “engulfed”, causing them to lose their identities and will no longer be separate

and historic "Major Settlements" in their own right.

Please keep me informed of the public examinations, meetings, submission of plans and potential outcome of the review, as I retain my right to be made aware of the issues, outcomes etc. and my right to attend and potentially speak at the meetings.

Yours faithfully

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