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To: [Site Allocations Plan](#)
Subject: PDE01109_Site Allocations Plan - Site HG3-4
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Dear Sirs

I write to object to Leeds City Council's Site Allocations Plan with respect to the proposals for future residential development in Rawdon with specific regard to site HG3-4.

Rawdon is a village full of character and has a sense of separation from Leeds. The area is surrounded by beautiful countryside, mature woodland and is self-contained. With further residential development this will be compromised. Through the development of site HG3-4, the separation between Leeds and Rawdon will be reduced and I am greatly concerned that this is the first step which will lead Rawdon to be swallowed up within the Leeds conurbation. Should the Leeds Bradford Airport link road become a reality then the feeling of separation of Rawdon from the outer edge of Leeds will be destroyed. This will also be apparent along the A65 should HG2-41 be constructed where the striking views over the valley brimming with ecology towards Cavlerley and beyond will be lost forever. Not only will the individual character of the area be lost but so will the greenfield land that is such a finite resource in this country. This land provides the option to escape and provides a sense of tranquillity. We often walk across Gill Beck along the footpaths that traverse the fields where our daughter is able to run around without the fear of traffic and can play in the woodland next to the Beck.

In addition, adding another 130 homes in isolation will exacerbate the already gridlocked A65 nevermind when considering this cumulatively with development at Sites HG2-12, HG2-41, HG3-2 and HG3-3 plus the further 2,000 houses in Airebrough, 2,000 in Horsforth and over 4,300 in Bradford. There appears to have been no strategic assessment of, when combined, how such development could actually work and what impact this will have on the lives of local residents and services.

I work for Leeds Community Healthcare. I travel to work to health centres in North Leeds which can already take approx 45 minutes, due to the congestion on local roads, including travelling on Layton Road, Brownberrie Lane and through Horsforth to join the inner ring road. These roads are very congested due to commuters trying to avoid traffic on the A65 which if used, results in an even longer journey time.

My work involves travel to various settings within the community such as health centres and schools. The current road network around Rawdon and Horsforth are already significantly congested and further housing development in this area is going to have a significant impact on the travelling times for NHS staff delivering community services eg reducing the amount of home visits you can do in a 7.5 hour period. As a resident and worker in the area, I don't feel reassured that there has been a cumulative comprehensive traffic assessment of the impact of further housing development on the A65 on impact on travel times for local essential services.

Yours Faithfully

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Sent from Windows Mail