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**To:** [Site Allocations Plan](#)  
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Re: LDF Publication Draft Consultation

Dear Leeds City Council

I am writing to ask you not to consider proposals to build on Green Belt land in Horsforth, particularly the following sites: HG2-41 Fields south of A65, Horsforth roundabout to the crematorium, HG2-43 fields at Horsforth College campus, HG2-12 Fields at Woodlands Drive, Rawdon and HG-2, HG-3, HG-4 Fields off A65, Rawdon. I believe that these developments are not consistent with the national policy on Green Belt, especially when brownfield sites, such as the one at Kirkstall Forge, are available. My parents bought a house in Horsforth in 1966 for the reason that Horsforth was in a greenbelt area but not too far from the city centre. I was born in 1967 and grew up in Horsforth. I spent 12 years teaching English abroad, before returning to Horsforth, which I consider to be my home.

The reason I came back to Horsforth is because it offers the perfect balance of rural and urban and still maintains a strong community, almost village feel. I can walk from my house in 5 minutes and be in fields and woods or get on a bus and be in Leeds in 30 minutes. I have seen so many beautiful places abroad become popular and get spoiled by over-development, and I fear this will happen to my hometown of Horsforth if valuable, irreplaceable greenbelt disappears. I do not want Horsforth to become an anonymous postcode in the urban sprawl between Leeds and Bradford. I understand new homes need to be built but I see boarded up buildings and derelict land all over Leeds, and empty unrented flats. I teach foreign students who love coming to study in Leeds because they tell me, it is "so green".

Traffic is already a huge problem on the A65 and I feel that these proposals will only exacerbate this problem further.

I feel so strongly about this that I feel the character of my home will be destroyed and a legacy that dates back to the Doomsday Book and beyond will be lost just for the sake of some lucrative gains of short term developments.

Yours sincerely  
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