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Proposed Sites HG2-12, HG2-41 + Safeguarded Land HG3-2, HG3-3, HG3-4

The development of these Greenfield sites in Rawdon is not justified:

Leeds City Council aims to build 70000 houses in Leeds by 2028 & yet has knowingly based this target on old & incorrect statistics regarding the growth of the population of Leeds. This target should be more realistically set in line with the most recent population projections – 45000 which would remove the need to build on Greenfield sites.

The Council is proposing to build these houses in Rawdon on Greenbelt sites which is not consistent with national policy & its own Core Strategy. These sites should have been independently reviewed not just by its own officers.

These sites have been designated Greenbelt for many years, and for a reason – to maintain the environment between Horsforth & Rawdon. Building houses within metres of Conservation Areas, on farmland & across areas of recreational activities (walking, cycling etc) is not justified. The road network especially the A65 cannot sustain this additional traffic from these proposed developments – approx 1500 additional vehicles using the roads on a daily basis. Rush hour traffic currently backs up to Carr Lane/New York Lane from the Horsforth roundabout/traffic lights. Councillor Lewis, LCC executive member for regeneration, transport & planning has recently stated in the local press the need to tackle the existing congestion & delay issues on the A65 relating to the airport link road.

HG2-12 is in area where mine working occurred in the past, & where the land gets regularly waterlogged (a stream runs through it) & where there is limited access to & from the site. As a local resident I was not informed that this area of land was being considered for the Site Allocation Plan.

These sites are vital areas of Greenbelt ensuring the area between Leeds & Bradford is not infilled & the landscape is retained in accordance with the Council's own designation.

The building target should be reduced to 45000 thereby avoiding the need for the use of Greenbelt, the Site Allocations Plan has not been prepared with national policies (& in HG2-12 without prior consultation) & the impact on the local road infrastructure & flooding has been greatly underestimated.

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