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**To:** [Site Allocations Plan](#)  
**Cc:** [Stuart Andrew.MP](#)  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to object strongly to your proposal to include many of the green belt sites in my area in the Local Housing Plan. I feel that it is not consistent with national policy and your proposal to use Green Belt before brownfield is of serious concern and not justified. I also have concerns that it is being driven by cost, that developers would make more profit from development of green belt land that is easier and cheaper to build on.

Since I moved to Leeds 11 years ago there has already been a tremendous amount of planning given in the area and I am concerned that if it continues there will be no greenbelt areas left for our children to enjoy. It seems to me pretty simple that greenbelt land was set up in order that people in towns could continue to enjoy the protected countryside for years to come. If we keep chipping away at it we will just be left with an urban sprawl with no countryside nearby to enjoy.

The main greenbelt areas that I am concerned about are HG3-4, also known as Gill Beck (although my husband and I call it Red Beck), just off Layton Lane, Rawdon  
HG3-2, HG3-3, the fields off of the A65, Rawdon  
HG-12, the fields at Woodlands Drive, Rawdon  
HG-41, the fields south of A65, Horsforth roundabout to the crematorium  
HG-43, the fields at Horsforth College Campus

The proposal to use all of this strategic Green Land Infrastructure goes against Leeds Core Strategy.

I am an airline Captain and moved to the area to work at Leeds Bradford Airport, I remember driving to the airport for the first time and remember looking out at the fields on the A65 just before I got to the Airport and thinking how lovely it was to have so many fields in the local area to break up all of the housing.

I originally lived in Horsforth, then moved to Rawdon in 2010. I met my husband in 2006 and since then we have regularly taken walks in the local area, especially HG3-4, the Beck, close to where he grew up. He has lots of fond memories of the Beck and has shown me trees he planted, places he played and places where he has spotted wildlife (deer, badgers, foxes, rabbits, woodpeckers, owls and many many other birds) Over the years I have been lucky enough to see some of this wildlife too, and our little girl Zoe is just over two now and we regularly take her for walks there. We are devastated to think that we may not be able to enjoy this space in the future, and that the next generation will not be able to create their own memories there.

Also with the rain today I am extremely concerned that these developments have not been fully thought through. Can we afford even more concrete in this area? Extreme flooding is a real possibility if even more greenbelt gets built on.

Kind regards,

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