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Subject: PDE01240_Consultation for development HG2-12, HG2-41, HG3-2; HG3-3 and HG3-4
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I am writing in connection with the above planned development consultation to register my concern across the entire area of Rawdon and Horsforth but with particular focus on those listed above.

As a resident of Knott Lane for the last 15 years (and as a visitor to someone else who lives here for the 13 years prior to that) I feel the proposals are nothing short of ludicrous. I am not stating this for a NIMBY attitude as I understand this area has a lot to offer to those who reside here and understand why it is a sought after area to live in.

My issues are on two fronts:

1. Proper notification by the Council - The first I was aware of these proposals were when I received communications from the Rawdon Greenbelt Action Group which was a few weeks ago. I understand that the council are supposed to make their plans known to residents of areas they are proposing to develop and not try to push through decisions without doing so.
2. Infrastructure - The A65 has gradually become more and more congested and the rush hour traffic has become impenetrable to the roundabout. In the time that I have lived here, the travel time into Leeds City Centre to work has doubled. I used to find ways in to the centre by cutting up through Horsforth and winding my way using various short cuts, involving passing 2 main schools and going through various residential estates just to avoid the A65. In the last 2 years however, even this has become a major challenge due to many other drivers adopting a similar approach and thus negating any gains that I may have made in the past.

The recent addition of traffic lights in the last month has not resolved this one iota and in fact, appears to have made it worse. The queue of traffic from the Leeds ring road now tails right back past the top of Knott Lane to Rawdon crossroads from about 7.30 onwards! The addition of 777 houses and a school at HG2 - 41 will almost certainly mean that the roundabout will become impregnable at rush hour.

There is no way that public transport could even begin to improve this situation as the A65 Leeds/Rawdon road can clearly not be widened to create bus lanes. The Horsforth train station has limited parking and unless you are there at 7am then there is no where to park to make use of that public transport either.

The planned development of HG2 - 12 is quite frankly preposterous to even contemplate. There is only one access point down Southlands Avenue due to the

other potential roads being privately owned. If this development were to bear fruit and deliver a further 130 houses, the only way out would be for them to come up Knott Lane. Even if there was only 1 car per household (which we know is never the case), this would be an impossible access situation for the exiting and new residents.

Knott lane is the exit road for those attending a funeral at Rawdon Crematorium and whenever a funeral ends, Knott Lane becomes a solid lane of traffic whilst drivers seek to navigate the top of the road to access the A65. This just compounds the traffic backlogs even more and it is astonishing to believe that the Council could even contemplate this development proposal when it is so clearly inappropriate.

In addition, if the proposed airport link is passed, it would put further strain on the A65 and surrounding proposal

My letter is short however, I do not believe that it needs be any longer or say any more given that the proposals are clearly any real foresight or consideration for the facts that are staring anyone who lives here in the face.

It is simple - the proposals are not going to provide effective development and the lack of public awareness at the earlier stages is surely giving rise to the question of whether certain areas such as HG2-12 has been carried out in a legally compliant manner.

I look forward to hearing that these plans are going to be shelved for good!

Yours sincerely

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