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Dear Sir/Madam

Please consider my objections to the proposed development of all greenbelt sites in Leeds' Site Allocation Plan, including but not limited to those in and close to my home village of Rawdon:

HG2-41, HG2-43, HG2-12, HG3-2, HG3-3 and HG3-4.

National policy, the NPPF and Leeds' adopted Core Strategy are all in favour of protecting greenbelt sites, and only allows their development in 'very exceptional circumstances'. No housing target constitutes such a circumstance, especially one based on out of date and incorrect population growth statistics. Leeds' target of seventy thousand should actually be around forty-four thousand. The aforementioned sites in and close to Rawdon are also classified as 'Strategic Green Infrastructure', a status which gives them even more protection.

The NPPF states:

'The Government attaches great importance to Green Belts. The fundamental aim of Green Belt policy is to prevent urban sprawl by keeping land permanently open; the essential characteristics of Green Belts are their openness and their permanence'.

Building on HG2-41 and HG2-12 would cause such 'urban sprawl', and effectively join Rawdon and Horsforth together; I value Rawdon as a village, with its own heritage, history and identity.

The NPPF, and common sense, state that brownfield sites should be developed first and, if possible, only. The next priority is Greenfield, while greenbelt should remain protected. Despite this, greenbelt has been included in phase 1, while 94 brownfield sites identified as 'suitable' in the SHLAA have been excluded. How can all 94 be defined as suitable, and yet not be selected ahead of greenbelt?

Brownfield sites may also provide cheaper houses, such as 'starter homes' and one and two bedroom houses. These are the sorts of houses we need in Leeds, not larger, expensive houses, which tend to be built on greenfield and greenbelt sites.

The only comment I can make on infrastructure planning is that there doesn't seem to have been any; the NPPF requires this, so it is another breach of National Policy.

I have to conclude that the SAP has not been positively prepared, is not justified, will not be effective and is not remotely consistent with National Policy and the adopted Core Strategy.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Claire Buxton