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To: [Site Allocations Plan](#)
Subject: PDE01318_Objection to the site allocation plans around Rawdon & Horsforth
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I am writing to inform you, that as a resident of Rawdon, I am objecting to the site allocation plan proposed by Leeds City Council for the areas of Rawdon and Horsforth. These sites include:

HG2-12 fields at Woodlands Drive Rawdon

HG3-2, HG3-4 fields off A65 Rawdon

HG2-41 fields south of A65, Horsforth roundabout to the Rawdon Crematorium

HG2-43 fields at Horsforth College Campus

I wish to object for the following reasons:

1. I was not aware of the council's public consultation that took place in 2013
2. the sites are all green belt sites and this is not consistent with the national policy (please see <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-planning-policy-framework--3>) The definition of green belt as seen by our Government - "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" By building on our green belt the urban sprawl will sprawl.
3. there are plenty of brownfield sites in and around the area of Leeds that must come first when deciding on where to build the new houses (again please see the link above) The definition of Brown belt "refers to land which has already been built on, but which is available for regeneration"... this must be used first and foremost.
4. There are no provisions in place for the additional infrastructure needed (especially given that the current infrastructure can not cope), there is no provision for schools (primary or secondary), the schools in the area are greatly over subscribed already. There is no provision for the additional needs of the owners of these new houses re: doctors and dentists.
5. The A65 corridor is already over used and extremely congested, even with the new road layout at the Horsforth roundabout. As a regular user of this road (on public transport) I regularly sit in traffic for 30 minutes to get from Rawdon cross roads to Horsforth roundabout. The travel times have not improved following the change to the Horsforth roundabout, they have got worse. What will happen if the council decide to build on the land alongside this extremely congested road? This will affect **HG2-41**, **HG2-12**, **HG3-3**, **HG3-2** and **HG3-4**. The knock-on-effects of HG1-96 will also affect the A65 corridor and the ring road. I take regular notes on the travel times of my journey into Leeds - which I can provide if requested.
6. How the council can justify building on Green belt where there is a wealth of fauna and flora including mature trees and woodlands, which will be lost forever. These places are used by all...for walking, riding bikes or just enjoying the view

from afar. As a parent of 3 children, we often enjoy the walks around the area. This walks provide not just pleasant quality time with the family, but provides emotional wellbeing too.

7. **HG3-3** is currently used by a family as a small holding, which provides the local community with fresh produce.

8. Flooding is an issue that has not been considered when building new houses. Site **HG2-12** already has significant surface water flooding, which would make it unsound for building on...where would this water go? How would this fit in with the Governments Flood Risk Management policy?

9. I do not have any objection to building new homes. I would like to see affordable eco homes being built, by the council for the people of Leeds. With enough room to feel like you have space to relax as well as outside space to enjoy. Not lego houses built by corporations who are only interested in building as many houses as possible on as small a scale as possible with no gardens.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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