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

I am writing to object to the proposed development plans for Rawdon and surrounding areas.

As a resident of Rawdon one of the main reasons that I chose to move to the area was the unspoilt countryside, the village feel and the quiet location all of which will be affected by the proposed building of new houses.

The recent "improvements" to Horsforth Roundabout on the A65 have, in my view, created a worse problem regarding congestion and to suggest building hundreds of houses around this area is merely compounding the problem, threatening local wildlife and causing increased danger on already extremely busy roads.

How can the council justify building houses on greenbelt land which is meant to be protected from development? What justification is there for taking away countryside, areas where children can safely play and walk, learnt to respect and care for their environment and where local nature can thrive, HG3-3 and 3-4? What of the lost farmland in HG3 -2? Has every other option for development elsewhere that would be less devastating for the area been considered and fully explored? Have the plans been developed according to the NPPF especially around the greenbelt areas and conserving the natural environment?

How can the council justify building upon areas that will vastly increase already dangerously high levels of road congestion? How are gridlocked roads the best option for Rawdon and Horsforth? How can Leeds City Council justify 70,000 new builds and what is this figure based upon? Is it accurate and up to date?

How can the council justify a development that is not legally compliant? HG2 - 12 were NOT included in consultations in June and there was no consultation around this site prior to it being allocated to housing in Site Allocation Plans.

I want to continue to enjoy living in Rawdon, I want to be able to continue to take my friend's children walking around the area, to continue to take them on yearly strawberry picking in the fields near Horsforth Roundabout and know that these areas are safe and protected for the future. I want to enjoy seeing the countryside, the wildlife and not be subjected to the noise and traffic from a constant building site!

I urge you to reconsider your plans, to remove your threat to our countryside and to my village and to look at the potential for development in other locations in a way that is less devastating to the environment and to my local area.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Clare Cross