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Below are my objections to the Leeds Site Allocation plan.

In particular I am concerned about the following sites:

HG2-12 Fields at Woodlands Drive, Rawdon

HG3 -2, HG3-3, HG3-4 Fields off A65, Rawdon

HG2-41 Fields South of A65, Horsforth roundabout to the crematorium

HG2-43 Fields at Horsforth College Campus

The proposal to include these Green Belt sites in the Local Plan is not consistent with the national policy and has not been justified nor explained. It is entirely unreasonable, indefensible and not justified to use Green Belt before brownfield. It is a fact that to use this Strategic Green Infrastructure goes against the Leeds Core Strategy. It has been demonstrated yet ignored that the housing target figures being used are obsolete which goes against national policy and Core Strategy.

The proposals to build on these Green Belt sites is a travesty as there are other brownfield sites which are much more suited to development and already have a better infrastructure in place. An incredible number of houses are sitting empty yet still the way forward appears to be to build new ones. In Rawdon itself the sway towards the use of Green Belt against Brownfield is significantly higher. There is also a contradiction on the nature of the houses that would be built. The current housing shortage needs to be resolved by the building of affordable housing. Large detached houses in this area are not affordable and will not solve the problem. I could also argue about the current infrastructure of local schools, NHS centres and particularly the incredibly congested A65. I would expect an argument back that these issues can be resolved but in all honestly this is not likely to happen. The Horsforth roundabout is now finished and the traffic is still queuing in all directions throughout the day and rush hours (totalling up to 6 hours per day) are a nightmare! If development were to go ahead on these sites the boundary between Horsforth and Rawdon would be lost and the two areas would become one which is completely against the policy. This states that Green Belt prevents the unrestricted sprawl of large built up areas. The local fields are focal points of our community and provide land for animals to graze and wildlife to flourish. The fields are used in many ways, for example field HG3-3 is rented by ourselves and used keeping animals such as chickens for local egg production and bees for honey. These sorts of projects bring people together and are an excellent opportunity for young people in the

area to understand nature. The local wildlife will be affected and more species will find it harder to survive if Green Belt is built on. On this field we keep the inside of the surrounding hedge long so that a wide variety of birds have the appropriate habitat to live in. The area is also strongly used by local rambling groups, runners and cyclists which is an obvious benefit to people's health and will have a positive effect towards less strain on our stretched NHS.

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