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I moved to Rawdon from Harrogate three years ago and have since enjoyed the open countryside and views ,the character and friendliness of the village and the ample opportunities to walk, cycle and enjoy wildlife on my doorstep .

The proposals to allow building on the greenbelt puts all of this at risk, the greenbelt should be preserved if not will be lost for future generations and everyone's enjoyment including those who do not live in the immediate vicinity will be reduced. There are ample brown field sites available and all encouragement and incentives should be given to developers to use these in preference, otherwise in time they will become greater blots on the landscape. Development on greenbelt sites should only be on 'exceptional circumstances' - and by not considering alternatives you have not proved this and so the development is not in accordance with the NPPF. LCC have sited growth as an exceptional circumstance but government ministers disagree.

Although I was living in Rawdon in 2013 I was not aware of the original public consultation or indeed would not have been aware of the current consultation if not for the activities of RGAG. I understand that when the previous Inspector passed the Core Strategy he recommended that a comprehensive greenbelt review be carried out - as the review carried out was selective (and flawed) it follows that the Core Strategy and Site Allocations Plan are unsound. HG2-12 site was not included in the Issues & Options Consultation in June, there was no prior consultation before it was allocated to housing in Site Allocation Plan. In the circumstances I believe the development is not legally compliant or the development positively prepared.

The A65 route is heavily congested throughout from Guiseley through to Leeds and further development along this road will only make matters far worse. A development of 1000 houses could mean a minimum 2000 extra journeys per day Monday - Friday. Knott Lane is a narrow road leading from the Crematorium to the A65 it already very busy and struggles at times to cope with traffic leaving the Crematorium. There are no options to widen the road and it would be unable to cope with potential traffic from 130 - 160 extra house build along its route.

Schools and nurseries in Rawdon & Horsforth are already oversubscribed - building potentially 1000 houses in the area will mean increasing numbers of children having to be bussed tom schools outside the immediate vicinity - meaning more traffic on already congested roads. Doctors surgeries and other local amenities / facilities would be unable to cope with such a level of development.

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