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To Forward Planning and Implementation
Leeds City Council Planning Department.

I am writing to express my concerns about the Core Strategy including the Site Allocation Plan which is the councils proposal for new housing and employment and green space up to 2028.

I live in Little London Rawdon and am greatly concerned with the plans I have seen due to the sheer number of houses proposed to be built within our area and on green belt land.

Rawdon is already at bursting point with regards to schooling and health care not to mention the heavily congested roads which are all too often gridlocked during rush hour traffic times, which is starting earlier and lasting longer. Our Junior school have 2 classes per year due to high intake figures and our secondary school are now on the level of large workplaces having over 1300 children to cater for. Only this week there has been issues due to road congestion and pupils who have to catch a school bus to Benton Park School arriving later on several days due to again heavy congestion on roads that cannot take it.

If you build more houses then we need more school, better transport and more facilities such as Doctors, clinics, chemists, Dentists. we were told that when High Rroyds was developed it would be its own village with a school and doctors and all the necessities of a village, however all that is there is housing and not affordable housing but executive homes beyond the affordability of young 1st time buyers.

I am a Nurse who works in the community in West Leeds, I have to travel to work and on visits along the A65 and have seen it become slower and slower in peak times due to the sheer increase in vehicles, if Leeds City Council build more houses along this stretch of road it will destroy the local area and communities along said road, increasing pollution from traffic and effecting the air quality and quality of life of those of us who have worked hard to live in a once rural area with green space and woodlands.

My concerns are

HG2-12 Woodlands Drive 130 houses,

This is green belt land which is an important boundary area separating Rawdon from Horsforth and Calverly. Housing here will be executive homes not affordable housing. Houses here will mean more traffic on to the A65 and more pressure on our public services. Development of this land would destroy green belt fields and have long standing detrimental effects on the nature in this area, both woodland, fields, wildlife. This is an area of beautiful walks, old paths and bridal ways, areas where you can relax and enjoy nature.

HG2-41 Rawdon Crematorium to Horsforth roundabout 777 houses and school allocated.

This is a scary amount of homes proposed within the A65 and Leeds ring road, again the roads cannot cope with the amount of traffic these homes would generate along with increase pollution from more vehicles.

As for saying a school is allocated, how can we believe this when the same was said with regards to High Rroyds. The local public services do not have the infrastructure to take the needs this will create.

Again green belt land, housing here would be community sprawl, merging the borders of Horsforth and Rawdon, destroying community identity, destroying green fields and wildlife, which will not come back once their habitat is destroyed.

HG3-2 Knott Lane West 81 houses

Again increasing congestion on already heavily laden roads, increasing pressure on school and other public services, destroying green fields and wildlife habitat. I am also concerned about building on this area as historically there have been coal pits and sand pits in this area. again destroying green field boundaries, more urban sprawl.

HG3-3 KNOT Lane East 35 houses.

Again increases congestion on to the A65 and increased pressure on local, public services, also the concerns with regards to historical coal pits on the site. Urban sprawl, destroying green belt land, destroying habitat of wildlife.

HG3-4 Layton Lane 130 houses

Again increased traffic levels on to an already congested road way, increases pressure on local services and my concerns regards old coal pits and sandpits on this area of land.

I have copies of the 1890 ordnance Survey map which shows some of these pits, we luckily discovered a capped mine shaft in the garden of a house we were was trying to buy on Layton Lane, luckily discovered in time to pull out of the transaction.

Building in our Green Belt destroys our heritage, we leave nothing to our children to show what our country is, was and has been. we displace and kill wildlife, which will never return.

We put unbelievable pressure on our public services, which I know are struggling to cope more and more each year, each month, each day.

These developments mean quality of life degrades and nature dies, urban sprawl takes over our green belt fields, nature die.

We need to regenerate brown site land, we need to make sure empty housing stock is lived in, we need affordable homes for people but we also need to take on board the responsibility of looking after our green and pleasant land or we will

leave a legacy of concrete and tarmac for future generations. We need green field and woodland to help off set our carbon emissions, we need fields to grow food.

Please take on board my concerns and the concerns of my local community.

Yours sincerely Lynn Cusack