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To: [Site Allocations Plan](#)
Subject: PDE01471_Leeds City Council, Site Allocation Consultation, Rawdon/Horsforth/Guiseley
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Dear Sirs

I should like to register my objection to the proposed building plans for Rawdon and Horsforth as set out, for the following reasons:

HG2-41 - the strawberry picking fields

This is an important area of Green Belt which provides an important 'lung' for the area as well as delineating between the more heavily built-up area inside the ring road from the more out-of-town structure to those areas outside of the ring road. It has already been recognised as such and been additionally classified as a Special Landscape and a Strategic Green Infrastructure in the city's Core Strategy. It should retain that classification and not be built on.

HG2-43, Park Lane Horsforth Campus

Whilst I have no objection to the redevelopment of the former college buildings, the nature reserve should be retained to help both with the liveability of the area and the natural diversity of the area.

HG2-12, Woodlands Drive Rawdon

Again, this is an area already designated as both Green Belt and Strategic Green Infrastructure. There is no reason to believe that the strategic nature of the site has changed.

HG3-2 & HG3-3

These sites are an important break around the crematorium which help delineate between Horsforth and Rawdon. Whilst on paper it might not seem important, to those who live in the areas having a sense of individuality and community is important and that should not be dismissed as unimportant. For this reason I don't think these areas should be built on.

In addition to the above I would say the following:

- the Council should ensure that brownfield sites throughout the city are redeveloped before any new build is carried out on Green Belt and Strategic Core areas;
- the amount of housing that will actually be required seems to be in some considerable dispute, with the original target of 70,000 houses being a gross over-estimate for the number of people the city is expected to grow by. The figures should be re-visited and the plans revised;
- there are a lot of shops in the city and its suburbs which have accommodation space above. Are these spaces being developed and promoted for rent and purchase? Is the council encouraging this type of development and how much additional housing accommodation will it provide?
- a recent DIY SOS programme showed what can be done with run-down terraces. How much of the existing property in Leeds could be enhanced by similarly imaginative development?

Yours faithfully

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