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To: [Site Allocations Plan](#)
Subject: PDE01480_Rawdon Greenbelt
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Dear Forward Planning and Implementation Committee,

Site Reference Numbers HG2-12, HG2-41, HG3-2, HG3-3 and HG3-4

I would like to lodge my concerns over the proposal to build on the above referenced sites in Rawdon. I acknowledge the need for more housing but would like to be assured that every effort has been made to find building land that would not mean the loss forever of precious green field space. I have lived in Rawdon for over 25 years and value its rural character. The proposed developments would blur boundaries and thus diminish local community identity.

I feel very strongly that as the population increases it is extremely important to protect green space and find alternative sites. Green spaces provide an escape from the hectic life many people lead. They are essential for emotional and mental health. To lose them because they are cheaper to build on than brownfield sites would be a massive disservice to future generations and this, to my mind, cannot be justified or comply with the National Planning Policy Framework for protecting green belt and conserving the natural and historic environment.

The capacity of the A65 to cope with current traffic is at breaking point so additional volume would exacerbate the problem and add to the frustration of the road users.

I am also disappointed that the consultation process in 2013 was not sufficiently publicised and that residents have to rely on action groups for information. This lack of consultation means that the proposals are not compliant with Statement of Community Involvement.

Green space is vital for everyone and must be safe guarded; there are brownfield sites available in Leeds and surely in accordance with LCC Core Strategy these must be considered preferable.

Please save our green space.

Yours sincerely,
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