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I am writing to express my views on the site allocations for development in Leeds.

Firstly, if HG2-12 HG2-41 HG3-2 and HG3-3 are all used, this would cause Rawdon and Horsforth to merge together. In the NPPF section 9 it clearly states that Green Belt Land should be left between towns and villages in order to prevent built up areas spreading. In section 80 it states that this merging of neighbouring towns should be prevented, that the special character of the individual places be preserved and that countryside should be kept. These plans are inconsistent with this policy as well as the Leeds Core Strategy where in section 1.8 of the core strategies a main priority is to 'respect local character and distinctiveness'. Recycling of derelict land should be undertaken instead as stated in both the Leeds Core Strategy section 1.8 and the NPPF paragraph 80.

Secondly, sites HG3-2 HG3-3 HG3-4 HG2-12 HG2-43 HG2-42 and HG2-41 are all sites which are identified as Green Belt in the Leeds Core Strategy and as such are 'open land where strict planning controls apply to keep this land permanently open or largely undeveloped.' Section 87 of the NPPF also states that inappropriate development of the Green Belt is harmful to it and should not be approved except in very exceptional circumstances, which in my opinion are not these!

As these plans were originally proposed based on target housing requirements which have since been shown to be out of date, these plans should be changed. The NPPF states in paragraph 153 that authorities should be flexible to the needs of the area, and as these needs have been proven to have changed based on the National Housing Federation's identification of housing shortfall, namely, less housing is going to be required, the proposed land will not be required.

The plans as they stand are not justified, they depend too heavily on the use of Green Belt Land and are not consistent with both National and Leeds Council policy on this matter.

I have lived in the Rawdon area my whole life because of its individual character and easily accessible countryside. To change this would be both against Government policy and the interests of the people in our area

Yours faithfully

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