

**From:**  
**To:** [Site Allocations Plan](#)  
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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to express my concern at the proposals for housing development currently up for consultation for the Horsforth area. I live just off the Ring Road before Horsforth roundabout and the proposals are threatening a loss of valuable green belt in the area as well as a massive impact on the traffic flow around this already busy part of Leeds. Although I appreciate that the Council has to find space for extra housing, I feel that Horsforth and the surrounding area will be shouldering an unfair proportion of this new housing. Anything that will impact on the A65 and the Horsforth and Rodley roundabouts will be disastrous for commuters. This stretch of road already has a reputation for being one of the busiest and most congested parts of Leeds. Anyone travelling between Leeds and Bradford along this route during rush hour can expect to sit in traffic for an hour or more.

We have already experienced over 12 months of additional delays whilst both roundabouts have been altered, and we have yet to see whether these improvements will have an impact on traffic flow. Yet here are proposals to build hundreds more houses and a new school, with at least two proposals stating that the A65 and Horsforth roundabout will be significantly impacted and further alterations to the layout will be required.

I particularly object to HG2-41 (4240) which will involve 777 units and a school on green fields next to the Horsforth roundabout involving "significant impact" on the highway network. Also HG2-43 (5009) again building on green fields, with impact on the Horsforth roundabout and the local ecology.

Both proposals talk of widening the A65. This will have a detrimental impact on Horsforth, by dissecting it with a wide busy road and by the loss of a large area of countryside which makes the area so pleasant to live in. The school run along the A65 will bring the area to a standstill, and has the potential to be quite dangerous for both drivers and pedestrians.

With new housing at Kirkstall Forge and a proposed new airport road, which will no doubt invite further housing development, I can see the local infrastructure being over-burdened and the commute during rush hour to be gridlocked.

I have previously contacted Counsellor Dawn Collins about this matter and trust she has passed on my comments.

I hope that my concerns will be taken into account when the Council makes its decision, and would appreciate being kept informed of the outcome.

Sincerely,

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