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I wish to object to your proposed plans for new housing in Rawdon.

I am 40 years old and have lived in Rawdon all my life. I have had a happy childhood here, in an area that was relatively quiet and safe. My husband and I bought my Grandma's house on Benton Park Drive to start a family, a decision that we are starting to regret. We have started to look at houses in North Yorkshire as the village we choose to raise our family is getting busier, noisier and more polluted. It has lost some of its prettiness with ugly new housing developments and the local schools are full to the brim. And you want to build more houses?!

My daughter goes to the local primary school (Rawdon Littlemoor) where I went as a girl. The site of the school has moved since I went and is now on the A65. The traffic on that road and the surrounding streets is frequently at a stand still, and new houses on the proposed sites would make that road extremely dangerous.

Rawdon Littlemoor is full so where are all the children going to go? I am a teacher and on the board of governors at Rawdon Littlemoor, so I am particularly passionate about educational rights. I noticed on your proposed plans that there is 1 school. Would this solve the problem? I think it is extremely naive to think it will. And what if the new residents don't want to send their children there, they want them to go to the other schools in Rawdon because they get better results, then what? It is hard enough for local residents to get a place (because the council are sickeningly pc, if everyone just went to their local school, life would be so much easier in so many ways!) , so our children who have been brought up here might miss out on a place because another child who meets the criteria first has taken it.

On your proposed plans is there a doctors surgery? A dentist? A chemist? Have these things even been considered. My daughter has tonsillitis and I had to wait 14 hours for an appointment to see a doctor, how outrageous! It is not the doctors fault, it is yours. The local doctors and dentist surgeries cannot capacitate the number of patients that your housing development will create. And who has to suffer? Us, the local residents.

Rawdon does not look as pretty as it did when I was a girl, please do not build anymore houses here. Rawdon is village, if you continue to build, it will look more like a town and your houses are pretty unsympathetic with our landscape. There are brown sites across Leeds, Leeds City Council must develop these sites first before considering green belt!! Those are your words! And it's not just green belt, it's our green belt. Green belt that has been treasured by local residents for years and years, green belt where families walk, where trees blow in the wind, where birds find a home and wildlife thrive in the rivers. How can you consider building on green belt before alternative sites.

I hope that the points I have made will be read and fully considered. I whole-heartedly object to your plans, and if they did go ahead, my family who have lived here for generations, would consider moving to North Yorkshire. I hope that you make the right decision for the people in Rawdon.

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Sent from my iPad