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

I am writing to contribute my views to the public consultation on the Site Allocation Plan under the Core Strategy for Rawdon and Horsforth.

I am particularly concerned about the site allocations HG2-41 and HG2-12.

I believe that these proposed developments will have significant detrimental impact on the local area which have not been adequately explored.

Both sites will increase traffic on the already crowded A65 and Ring Road by potentially adding nearly 1000 cars to these roads at peak times (assuming at least one car per residence). There is due to be an increase in traffic as the Clariant Mills development nearby becomes fully occupied and add to this the effect of car journeys to and from the school proposed at HG2-41 and the result is likely to be traffic congestion far worse than the current situation which is already very poor.

Both sites are on greenbelt between Leeds and Bradford and go against many of the aims of the greenbelt, namely preventing urban sprawl and preventing the merging of neighbouring settlements. The loss of wildlife habitats and the designated Special Landscape Area and the encroachment into the Cragg Wood Conservation Area are all irreversible and will mark a significant decline in the character of Rawdon and Horsforth.

Site HG2-41 will result in the loss of a significant amount of agricultural land, one of the few areas of farmed land close to the city of Leeds. If the proposed airport link road also goes ahead, then there will be no remaining agricultural land in the area and a swathe of countryside will have been concreted over.

I do not believe that the council has fully assessed the impact of these developments and public consultations have been very low key. I only found out about this phase of consultation through the actions of a local group and was not aware of any earlier consultations, although I am told these were undertaken.

I believe that the current Leeds City Council target of 70,000 new houses is based on outdated projections and more up to date assessments suggest a lower number of new dwellings is required, which could reduce the scale of these developments.

I have been a Rawdon and Horsforth resident for 18 years and see these developments as the biggest threat to the area that I have known. I am well aware that there is a need for new housing and have no objections to proportionate developments that work within

the character of an area. However, the sites mentioned above are particularly disproportionate and will radically change the area for the worse.

I hope that you will register my objections to the proposals.

Yours faithfully,

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