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**To:** [Site Allocations Plan](#)  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** PDE01702\_Objection to proposed development sites HG2-12, HG3-2, HG3-3, HG3-4, HG2-41 and HS2-43  
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Dear Sir/Madam.

I am writing to voice my objection to the proposed development sites:

HG2-12 Fields at Woodlands Drive, Rawdon  
HG3-2, Hg3-3, HG3-4 Fields off A65, Rawdon  
HG2-41 Fields South of A65, Horsforth roundabout to the crematorium  
HG2-43 Fields at Horsforth College Campus

Rawdon is a unique place to live. Its character and charm stems from the village atmosphere, community spirit and the unique and beautiful green belt land which surrounds it (all of which will be lost if these developments go ahead). Much of this character is indeed recognised through conservation areas, which have remained relatively unchanged for generations. Once we allow some of this land to be built on, the landscape and the unique character of Rawdon will be lost forever, which will be to the detriment of future generations.

The proposed plans in the Local Plan seek to build on a substantial proportion of this green belt. This proposed use of green belt sites is not consistent with national policy, and is baffling given that it is being earmarked ahead of brownfield sites which is completely unjustified. The proposal to use the Strategic Green Infrastructure also goes against the Leeds Core Strategy.

My wife and I routinely travel along the A65 or surrounding routes to commute to work. To travel from the Airedale air conditioning factory to Horsforth roundabout can take 25-30 minutes on a morning due to the volume of traffic and the well documented bottle neck that is Horsforth. This is without the additional traffic which will be generated by developments which have already been approved such as the Naylor Jennings site, Kirkstall Forge and the Abode at Horsforth (former Sandoz) site. To add to this congestion by building hundreds of homes along the A65 will create gridlock on a road infrastructure network which is already woefully inadequate, and this will ultimately hinder the local economy and significantly increase pollution. If you assume that each house has an average of 1.5 cars, this will mean a couple of thousand more cars on the road. The proposed sites will necessitate multiple traffic lights and additional junctions along the A65 and traffic will come to a standstill. This area of Leeds already has a poor bus service in comparison to other areas of Leeds, and has no easily accessed train station without driving to one so people have no alternative but to use the road network.

My second objection relates to other aspects of the local infrastructure which could not cope with such a wide scale development as proposed. Availability of facilities and places at schools, doctors surgeries, dental surgeries etc is already stretched and these developments will lead them to breaking point.

My third objection is to the loss of the green land and amenities it offers for recreation. My wife and I take our two children on walks of the local fields and on occasion go sledging when the weather allows. As a resident who grew up here as a child, this is something I remember fondly and which I love to share with my children. These kinds of activities are essential to the health and well being of the community and are free for children and families to access. Children

gain an understanding of nature and an appreciation of it, and it also helps them to stay active and fit at a time when we know this is an issue for youngsters nationally. This is priceless and the benefit to my family in terms of happiness and also the creation of lifelong happy memories means that this is something I deem worth fighting for. The impact on my family and local families will be real and significantly felt, and this should not be a secondary consideration for the local council who should put residents healthy, happiness and well being at the top of their agenda.

Removing a large proportion of these facilities is a mistake which, once done, cannot be undone. This is to the detriment of all in the community, and to future generations who will never be able to appreciate the experiences I have outlined above.

I urge you in the strongest terms to reconsider the SAP proposed developments outlined above, and to look at alternative brownfield sites around Leeds. These should be in areas where green belt remains protected and infrastructure (including public transport and roads) is much better and can more easily be grown to accommodate the increase.

Yours sincerely.

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