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Dear Sir Madam

I am writing to you to object to the whole plans of the council to build on "green field" and "green" land within the Leeds Council area. I believe we do not need to build on such land and "brown field" sites only should be used. These plans would destroy everything that is good about living in Leeds with its green suburbs destroyed in the council's eagerness to build on all the green land and increase the population of Leeds beyond what is realistic and practicable.

I cannot understand why the Council is so eager to plan for building beyond what is officially accepted guidelines or growth. In any case we cannot survive as a county by constantly encroaching on our green land. If population is a problem then that is the issue that needs tackling, not the destruction of our green and desirable living in Leeds.

To comment on the plans to build on green and residential areas where I live and walk in the Aire Valley I will first object to only to the plans of building in the Horsforth Rawdon areas much to the "green belt". The comments above apply to this in the destruction of our green land but here it also affects the individuality of separate areas and produces more "urban creep" and the loss of green and between them. It also destroys lovely areas that can be walked on or paths in the areas which are so valuable to people who are often in built up noisy areas to most of their lives and need such places to escape and keep their sanity. Building up such areas only to those who can afford to move yet to the south of the city would adjoin this and to the north increase the unacceptable amount of commuting by car. Nevertheless a large area has already been partly built on and much more to be finished yet. This I believe is the so-called "Horsforth Vale" development where the old Sandtoft (later named Cairns I believe) works was. This is a massive development as it is situated between Horsforth and Rodley and the proposed new sites of building would adjoin this practically. They would be "urban creep" with Rodley too.

There has been for many years a growing menace to traffic along the main road along here through the Horsforth roundabout and on to Rawdon and beyond. It actually affects the whole road along the Aire Valley from Leeds to Rawdon and Guisey. Even though some improvements have been made to the roundabout at Horsforth recently traffic is still a major problem and if this and other proposed developments go ahead the traffic situation would go from terrible to horrendous. Rush hours would be grid-locked. On traffic issues alone these proposals should be rejected.

As you can see I am totally against these plans and as you to register my objection and disagree with the council's plans I would also add that to many of the same reasons I object to any urban plans to develop around where I live in Leasebury. We have been thoroughly swamped by developments in recent years and are losing our identity. The developments that are also proposed to the west of the area are also threatening and would result in terrible developments in this beautiful area where I frequently walk and again would destroy our precious "green belt" and other green land.

Finally I like to comment on the policies of this council which seems to only be concerned with the increase in Leeds as a total built up city with few green spaces and which will be increasingly be a small traffic choked place that people will not want to live. Build on the "brown field" not the "green field" green and

Yours sincerely  
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