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To: [Site Allocations Plan](#)
Cc: [Stuart Andrew.MP](#)
Subject: PDE01783_Proposed Housing Developments in Rawdon/Horsforth
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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing in response to the public consultation in respect of the proposed housing developments in the Rawdon and Horsforth areas.

I have lived in Rawdon for many years and have really enjoyed bringing up my family here. The area has a lovely village feel despite the busy A65 running through it as there are green fields and interesting landscape and walks to enjoy making it an ideal part of Leeds to live in as a family.

I am extremely concerned about the Council's plans for various housing developments in the Rawdon and Horsforth areas. I appreciate that additional housing is required in Leeds and that development will need to be accepted across the City but the volume and density of the proposals planned for the Rawdon and Horsforth boundary seem to be disproportionate and will have a devastating impact on the area.

I am particularly concerned about the proposed sites of HG2-41 and HG2-12. The proposals for HG2-41 will remove a significant area of greenbelt/greenfield land that has been enjoyed by us and many other families over the years. We have walked, cycled and picked strawberries as a family on many occasions. If this huge development proceeds, then the rural character of Rawdon village will be severely damaged with no distinction between Horsforth and Rawdon boundaries.

We constantly hear and observe that congestion on the A65 is becoming unsustainable, therefore there cannot be any justification for further development on this stretch of road which would bring even more traffic and pollution into the area. The nearby development at the old Sandos site is extensive and this will impact significantly without creating further problems. Additional roads, causing further damage to the environment would not be required if these plans did not proceed.

I do not feel that alternative significant sites have been considered that would result in a much lower level of impact on a particular area of the City.

The second site of concern, HG2-12 is an area of very attractive landscape set in a conservation area enjoyed by walkers, cyclists and horse riders alike and as such, should be protected from development and residents and visitors should be able to continue to enjoy the wildlife that habitat the area.

I would urge you to please think again about the scale of the proposals for this area as they would destroy the enjoyment of the environment for so many and will have serious negative implications for local residents and people travelling through the area.

Yours faithfully

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