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To: [Site Allocations Plan](#)
Subject: PDE01819_Proposal to build on green belt land around Horsforth and Rawdon
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Dear Sir

I would like to register my objection to the following Leeds Site Allocation Plans in the Horsforth/Rawdon area:

1. HG2-41 Fields between Horsforth Esso roundabout to Rawdon Crematorium
2. HG2-42 Fields at Horsforth Broadway and Calverley Lane
3. HG2-43 Conservation area at Park Lane College campus
4. HG2-12 Woodlands Drive fields
5. HG3-2, HG3-3 and HG3-4 Sites between Horsforth and Rawdon off the A65

My objection is based on that fact that the proposal to include the green belt sites listed above in the Leeds Site Allocation Plans is not consistent with the national policy, goes against the Leeds Core Strategy and contravenes the National Planning Policy Framework.

Local amenities are already stretched - all the schools in Horsforth are full (the primary schools have already been expanded over the last few years to increase the number of places available and cannot be expanded further) and doctors' surgeries are packed with patients. It's impossible to park near Horsforth station in the mornings, as the surrounding roads are choked with parked cars or have residents-only parking zones. How will the local infrastructure cope with an influx of even more people and their cars? And hasn't Horsforth already "done its share" with the large Horsforth Vale and Riverside Mill developments containing around 500 houses? As those developments aren't finished, we haven't yet seen the full impact they will have on Horsforth and its existing inhabitants.

I am having to get up earlier and earlier in the morning to "beat the traffic", spending longer queuing at junctions and traffic lights in Horsforth. The new traffic lights at the A65 Esso roundabout, installed as a result of the new Horsforth Vale development, seem to have made little difference and we seem to spend more of our lives in the car. Hundreds of additional houses in the area are going to make the problem infinitely worse. I would expect Horsforth, Rawdon and Rodley to grind to a halt at rush hour, with a knock-on effect in the surrounding areas.

One of the reasons we moved to Horsforth was the rural landscape around it and the healthy outdoor lifestyle it enables. My husband was born here and our family enjoys walks on summer evenings and year-round at the weekends. We wanted our daughter to grow up spending plenty of time outdoors, as my husband did when he was growing up. If so many of the fields are built on, this will no longer be possible. We will have to drive (yet more time in the car!) to find countryside walks. Where are local people supposed to get exercise and walk their dogs if all the fields are built on? Surely there are suitable brownfield sites that could be used instead of building on the green belt? What's the point of categorising areas as green belt if you are going to build on them anyway?

The fields around Horsforth also provide a valuable natural habitat for numerous plants and animals. If they are built on, this will disappear and the animals and birds that we normally see in this area will be gone for ever.

If all these houses are built between Horsforth and Rawdon, the two will be joined together to become one built-up town. I believe many people will start to leave as the area will have reached saturation point with people and cars; it will no longer have the green spaces that are needed for the area to be an attractive place to live and for people to pursue a healthy lifestyle; and the town will have become part of the Leeds/Bradford urban sprawl.

Yours faithfully

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