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Dear Sir,

I write in response to the Site Allocation Plan concerning housing development on Greenbelt Sites in Rawdon.

The site allocations plan for Rawdon is not based on a comprehensive review of Greenbelt, as required by a previous Inspector when he passed the Core Strategy as sound.

The intensive development cannot be justified for the following reasons:

- The NPPF makes clear that green belt boundaries should only be altered in exceptional circumstances.
- The Council has not proved that exceptional circumstances exist.
- There are available brownfield sites within Leeds. LCC's Core Strategy states these should be developed before green belt land.
- Green belt will be lost forever if these plans go ahead. The green belt currently provides protection from urban sprawl and preserves the semi rural character of the area. The amenity it provides by way of open space is greatly valued by those of us who live here and in the surrounding areas.
- There are serious infrastructure constraints - the A65 is at capacity and long delays are already encountered by commuters and other road users. Additional developments would make road conditions almost impossible. I understand recent improvements at Horsforth roundabout were only designed with existing traffic flows in mind and not with a view to accommodating future developments.
- Schools here are already over subscribed and there would not be enough places to accommodate the number of children expected if the proposed housing is built.
- Leeds should be revising its housing target downwards in response to recent ONS projections that Leeds needs 45,000 new homes rather than the 70,000 on which the SAP is based.

I hope that the above concerns will be fully taken into account when decisions are made.

Yours faithfully

Margaret Thompson