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**To:** [Site Allocations Plan](#)  
**Subject:** PDE01889\_objection to planning/building on Greenbelt in Horsforth  
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Dear Sirs

I wish to forward my objection for the plans to build on the following local Greenbelt sites-

HG2-41 (4240)

HG2-43 (5009)

HG2-42 (1016)

HG2-12 (4254)

I oppose the plans as they fail to comply with the National Planning Policy Framework. This clearly states that Greenbelt must be protected and cared for unless exceptional circumstances exist. The development of housing is not an exceptional circumstance.

Using Greenbelt to build upon simply to meet government targets on homebuilding is a disgrace anywhere and not just because it happens to be right on my doorstep. I moved to Horsforth 6 years ago from Wakefield – having lived in Wakefield for 40 years – I moved to Horsforth to have and raise my family – we now have 3 small children – a 5yr old and 9 month old twins. We came here as a desirable place to live and raise kids. The schools are excellent and Horsforth has that friendly Village feel whilst only being 5 miles from city centre Leeds where I work for the NHS. Now 6 yrs on the thought of the very things that attracted us to Horsforth being destroyed (the green bits) for no good reason shocks me, sickens me and I worry for the future of my children here.

North Leeds provides so many brownfield sites to build on yet greedy builders fuelled by short-sighted Leeds City Councillors plan to destroy the very heart of Horsforth – well I for one am not going to stand for it. Greenbelt land has been marked as such for good reasons and must stay as it is to preserve wildlife and to prevent the spread of urban sprawl.

I travel into Leeds every day to work and feel the strain of the awful traffic congestion going down Kirkstall Road every single day. I already have to queue to get off my own drive to join a train of traffic chaos bound for LS1. My 5 mile journey to work in my car can take up to an hour at peak times already – the bus is not much quicker, certainly not cheap and not so reliable – when I need to get home fast – as I mentioned I have 3 small children. There is no justification for a large proportion of the North Leeds housing quota to be concentrated in this small area of North Leeds. These 1000 large new houses are likely to have 1,2 or 3 cars each and add more stress to a massively overloaded road network – plus hundreds and hundreds more children for schooling. Low estimate on number of children for 1000 houses being built would be circa 900 more children based on population surveys of similar housing developments – the local schools are already full to bursting – as they are good schools and hence the relatively expensive property prices in Horsforth compared to surrounding environs.

Ultimately I do not want Horsforth spoiling or being made into something it was never supposed to be – and urge you not to proceed with these ludicrous and in my opinion illegal acts to build upon designated greenbelt just to meet Govt housing quota targets – use the brownfield sites if housing is needed (in my opinion again the targets are simply too high anyway) – the housing market is still stifled and low interest rates are not tempting people to want new housing anyway. Build on the brown sites and share the load across the whole of Leeds – not all eggs into the greenbelt basket in Horsforth – is it not sensible, not fair, immoral, ill thought out and ridiculous.

Please see sense – don't illegally build on greenbelt – don't spoil Horsforth, don't ruin my community, don't kill all the wildlife and please allow me, my wife and my 3 kids to continue to enjoy the countryside around our home and go pick fresh strawberries every year. Don't be swayed by the cash from greedy non caring developers – care for Horsforth and its future, it's inhabitants and our children.

Yours sincerely

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