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To: [Site Allocations Plan](#)
Subject: PDE01892_Objection to planning on Horsforth greenbelt
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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.

There are many brown field development sites across North Leeds which should be used prior to any discussion of using protected Greenbelt. The housing quota that your plans seek to meet has been shown to be over inflated and not reflective of actual need, therefore there is a real danger of destroying Greenbelt for unnecessary housing. The area is habitat to a diverse wildlife and plant population which will be destroyed in developing this protected Greenbelt. It will also affect local wildlife in general as wildlife cannot survive in isolated small green spaces, hence the laws in place to protect Greenbelt.

There is no justification for a large proportion of the North Leeds housing quota to be concentrated in this small area of North Leeds. This area is already heavily congested with traffic and a further large development with a minimum of 2000 extra cars in this area would be foolish. Half of my journey to work from Horsforth to Brighouse is spent queuing from my home on Hall Lane to Rodley roundabout. It takes approximately 25 minutes on average for what should be a journey of less than 5 minutes. To build in this area would cause further chaos on these roads.

The Horsforth infrastructure is also not capable of supporting such developments. Our schools are at capacity and are struggling to serve the existing population. My daughter attends West End school in the double intake year. Had this measure not been taken then she would have been allocated a school out of area. To build more houses and potentially have another 2000 school age children would severely exacerbate this situation.

From a personal perspective I feel that developing this area would result in blending Horsforth into surrounding areas such as Rawdon and Rodley. We were historically the largest village in England before we were absorbed into Leeds. To now remove our borders will create suburban sprawl with no senesce of individual community. This does not just affect the look of the area but also erodes community spirit, an element so vital to a safe, cohesive community.

I would also like to point out that the green spaces provide vegetable and fruit picking which many families, including my own, are involved in. This promotes our children's understanding of nature, their community, work and healthy eating. All of these are key issues in the schools curriculum and you are eroding the pupils direct experience of these key Government identified areas.

Ultimately it is against the governments' legislation to build on greenbelt. However I also think there is a moral issue; to build on these sites to provide the council with an income and the property developers with a large profit, without care for the community and the wildlife that surrounds it is short sighted, irresponsible and reflects poor planning. There are much better solutions across North Leeds available, albeit with less desirability for the developers. The council should be responding to the desires of their local community, not the pound of the developer.

Yours sincerely
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