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To: [Site Allocations Plan](#); Stuart.Andrew.MP@parliament.uk;
Subject: PDE01899_Objection to planning sites in Rawdon
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Dear Sir/Madam.

I am writing to object to the proposed development sites in the Rawdon greenbelt area. Firstly I have not been consulted at all by Leeds City Council, or received any information whatsoever from them regarding these developments. The only way I found about them, were through posters in our local shops from Rawdon Greenbelt Action Group. All further information I have received, has also come from this action group.

I strongly object to LCC wanting to develop greenbelt land, which sites HG2-41, HG1-96, HG2-12, HG3-3, HG3-2 and HG3-4 are all on. If these developments went ahead, our precious greenbelt would be lost forever; and our village identity would also be lost, as we would 'merge' into neighbouring towns, becoming one large urban sprawl. We would also lose the special landscape and views; which again all the sites HG2-41, HG1-96, HG2-12, HG3-3, HG3-2 and HG3-4 are within, and this 'Special landscape area' was designated by LCC, so why are they going to destroy their own designated sites by building on these areas. These developments are not justified.

As I often walk in the Rawdon Cragg Wood area and the Leeds Country Way, I feel strongly that any development would seriously affect the habitats of many of the birds and animals I often see while walking in this area, particularly HG2-12. These areas HG2-12, HG3-3 and HG4-4, also have protected trees, woodland, bluebell woods and a pond, which any housing development would have a serious negative impact on.

As greenbelt, the natural environment and the historic environment will clearly not be protected and conserved, these developments are not in accordance with the NPCC. The council has not proved 'exceptional circumstances' exist, that will outweigh the harm caused through these developments; as the site allocations are not based on a comprehensive greenbelt review, which was required by a previous inspector; the development sites are not positively prepared.

How can the development for HG2-41 for 777 houses, possibly be justified when the A65, even now, after the roundabout improvements is so congested, it can not cope with the existing traffic.

I can not express strongly enough the negative impact the proposed developments HG2-41, HG1-96, HG2-12, HG3-3, HG3-2 and HG3-4 will have on our small village and its surrounding green fields. I have lived in Rawdon for almost 20 years; moving here for its 'village feel', views, woodland walks and green fields; all of which will be lost for future generations, if these developments go ahead.

Yours sincerely
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