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Dear Sirs

I am writing in response to the Leeds City Council Site Allocation plan and the Aire Valley Leeds Action plan to advise you of my objection to your proposed developments for Horsforth & Rawdon.

The sites in Horsforth & Rawdon that I am objecting to being developed are as follows.

- * HG2-41 – the fields to the south of the A65 from the Horsforth roundabout to the Rawdon crematorium, including the strawberry fields.
- * HG2-42 – the fields at Broadway and Calverley Lane adjacent to the Horsforth roundabout and Calverley Lane.
- * HG2-43 – the conservation area fields at Park Lane College Campus near to the Horsforth roundabout and cemetery.
- * HG2-12 – the fields to the south of the A65 and adjacent to Woodlands Drive and the Rawdon crematorium.
- * HG2-46 – the site of the former waste water treatment works located to the south of the A65 near to the old Kirkstall Forge.
- * HG3-2, HG3-3 & HG3-4 – the fields to the north and south of the A65 adjacent to Knott Lane and to the rear of Layton Lane in Rawdon

All of these sites are areas of land which is designated as GREEN BELT land.

- The proposal to include these Green belt sites in the local plan is NOT consistent with the national policy.
- The proposal to use green belt before brownfield is not justified!
- The proposal to use green this strategic Green infrastructure goes against the Leeds Core strategy.

Horsforth & Rawdon are busy urbanised suburbs of Leeds, and developing the Green Belt land proposed in the Leeds Local Plan will destroy a lot of the open rural aspect of the area which my family enjoy. I have a young child and we enjoy walking around the local area, looking at wildlife and plants. Children should be given all the opportunities they can to experience our environment, and learn from nature at first hand. Developing green belt land ruins this experience for our next generation.

The local infrastructure of roads, schools, transport and local amenities in Horsforth just about copes with the current demands placed upon it. Traffic at morning and evening rush hour times for work and schools is manic and very chaotic. Busy roads means more pollution in the air which impacts on our health and wellbeing and the local environment. Walking on some of the busy roads in Horsforth is already unpleasant because of the noise and fumes from the large amount of cars. Crossing roads in some places is also dangerous, adding more cars will make this situation worse.

Schools in Horsforth are already oversubscribed, my child will be attending school in a few years, its important to my family that he attends a local school, where he can walk to, and be safe getting to school. Additional housing means more pressure on the local schools, children may not get a place at their local school if the proposed developments affect the catchment areas, and pressure may be put on schools to increase class sizes which affects all the children in the class (the sibling rule that you have could mean a child living close to a local school may lose out to someone who lives further away. I think this is totally unacceptable).

Additional pressure will also be put on local amenities, and services such as Doctors, where it is sometimes difficult to get appointments. To introduce the amount of additional people that is being proposed into Horsforth, with all the additional requirements for school places, transport, car usage and local amenities is only going to serve to make the current situation much worse than it already is and very much to the detriment of the people that currently live in these areas.

In conclusion therefore, as I and many others do not wish to see these areas swamped by yet more houses, people and cars, it's time to think again and come up with a better plan for Leeds.

Thank you

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