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**To:** [Site Allocations Plan](#)  
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To whom it may concern,

We wish to object to Leeds City Council's Core Strategy and the accompanying Site Allocation Plan for housing developments in the Rawdon and Yeadon areas as part of your public consultation process.

The overall proposals as they stand are unsound and based on a flawed housing target for the city which at 70,000 is completely out of proportion with the current and projected population levels.

We wish particularly to object to the use of green belt land for these proposed developments. Should they ever go ahead there will be only a tiny amount of green space along the A65 with the exception of the crematorium and Micklefield Park. It would create an urban sprawl with Horsforth, Rawdon and Yeadon merging and losing their distinctive identities. This is especially related to HG2-41 and HG3-2,3 and 4 and developments along the A658. Bradford MDC also have housing plans in this area which must be considered in the potential to create yet more urban sprawl between the two cities and no green spaces.

The green belt not only separates "villages", but is a vital part of our health and wellbeing and makes a positive contribution to air quality. There is a real danger of losing the rural character of our area, (HG2-12), wildlife habitats and opportunities for recreation.

The A65 is already slow and congested and cannot cope with further increases in traffic. The recent changes at Horsforth roundabout may have helped a little but there are still long queues even outside peak times. The proposed development at HG2-12 would have a profound negative impact on this roundabout and the flow of traffic on the A65. This is not taking any account of a proposed airport link opposite the crematorium.

The A65 at Trinity church is also a traffic bottleneck and developments proposed in that area will further exacerbate the problems.

Leeds City Council (LCC) has a duty of care to its residents and increased traffic on the A65 and A658 will increase air pollution from traffic fumes, (which we now know has a negative impact on mortality rates), especially in those areas of proposed housing. LCC must look carefully at the potential of brownfield sites before even considering going against its own stated policies and considering building on greenfield sites. The Kirkstall Forge development could be successful but only if the railway link provides enough trains at peak times to convince commuters to leave their cars behind.

It is also our view that the local infrastructure of the Horsforth, Rawdon, Yeadon area cannot support the scale of the proposed developments especially in relation to education, medical and dental services.

Finally, it is clear that the Core Strategy is not in accordance with the National Policy Planning Framework and the council has not provided evidence that exceptional circumstances prevail sufficient to outweigh the disastrous effects on the green belt and the residents which these proposals, if implemented, would create.

Yours Sincerely

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