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I want to express my concerns about proposals to build 900 or potentially far more new houses in Rawdon & Horsforth. Leeds CC has a duty to protect valuable green belt land and should be actively encouraging builders and developers to utilise brown field sites - these may be more expensive to develop but with the right incentives could offer far greater benefits to the wider community. Leeds CCC Core Strategy states these these should be developed in preference to green belt land I have serious concerns that this won't happen in practice.

I am lucky to live alongside green belt land but this valuable resource is there for everyone to enjoy wherever they live , to build on it would mean it would be lost for ever and for everyone. Walkers cyclists and horse riders enjoy the amenities on a daily basis - potentially lost forever.

Horsforth & Rawdon suffer severe road congestion on a daily basis each rush hour the jury is still out on whether recent road layout changes have made significant differences but it is highly unlikely to be sufficient to cope with an additional potential 1000 houses equating to likely 2000 additional cars and a conservative estimate of 4000 additional car journeys per day.

Schools in the area are always oversubscribed more development would mean even more children not being able to be schooled in the local area - longer school days and even more traffic on roads during rush hour.

Woodlands Dr is within a conservation area and would undoubtedly suffer from development on its fringes. Two of the sites listed are included in the UK Biodiversity AP Priority Habitat hosting a variety of species , the area has many mature trees and woodlands and a native bluebell wood - all potentially lost forever. The open valley views across from Rawdon would be lost forever along with the village character.

The local roads including Knott Lane struggle to cope with traffic exiting the crematorium.

Woodlands drive is a private road so would not be a option to reduce pressure. We are encouraging the use of public transport with two new railway stations in the area but both to be accessed via very busy A65.

To allow development on these sites will blur the gap between Leeds & Bradford encroach on open countryside and is unplanned urban sprawl.

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