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To whom it may concern

This e-mail is in connection with the above site and the proposal to build 777 houses and a school.

The reason for the objection is that the proposed development is on Green-belt land and it is totally at odds with all previous plans to protect the green belt between Horsforth and Rawdon.

Whilst it is appreciated that housing developments are required and everyone wants to say 'but not in my backyard' this proposal will bring a huge increase in traffic onto an already struggling A65 despite the recent 'improvements' at the roundabouts that still cause long traffic queues. The greater Horsforth area already had proposed large scale developments on its several 'brownfield' sites. The census of 2011 stated that the population of Horsforth was 20500 inhabitants. If all the proposed developments were to go ahead the population could increase by 50% in the next 10 years or so. There are simply not the facilities - schools, doctors, surgeries etc etc for this number of people. The inclusion of a school on the development is a welcome addition but the area is already short of school places. However, the inclusion of a school does not mean it will actually be built. Other developments have included such facilities in the planning stages and they have been conveniently 'forgotten' when the houses have gone up. If not 'forgotten' they have not come to fruition.

The Council is basing the proposed numbers on the need for 70,000 houses, which by all other estimates is a grossly exaggerated figure. The revised ONS projections state that 45,000 are required city wide. The difference between these figures can be achieved by leaving green-belt land out of the equation.

Whilst the planning process for the proposed access roads to the Airport are a separate issue, more roundabouts/ traffic lights so close together on the A 65 are a recipe for disaster on an already more than struggling major route into the city. Is it the money provided by developers that is anticipated to contribute to road alteration and construction? This is not a reason to build on green belt. Green areas around our living spaces are vital for the health and well being of our communities and the wildlife that also depends on it.

It is obvious that Horsforth is an attractive place to live and developers will have no difficulty selling the houses but the firm plans for building at Kirkstall Forge and Woodside Quarry and proposed building on the Horsforth college campus are more than sufficient for the area and its facilities.

The HG2-41 site should be removed from the suggested developments sites list immediately.

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