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To: [Site Allocations Plan](#)
Subject: PDE02054_Site reference (HG3-2) (HG3-3) (HG3-4) (HG2-41) Objections
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Dear Sirs

We are writing to you to express our Deep concerns regarding the Site Allocation Plan for Rawdon / Aireborough and in particular the sites above.

Points against this site for allocation:

1.) To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another & to check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas.HG3-4

Building on site HG3-4 in particular would mean building right up to the Red Beck border. This in my opinion is completely creating urban sprawl and assists in merging two areas into one as the development will run up to the border of another town/suburb. (Horsforth) Rawdon is a distinctive small village, clearly defined on several fronts by its greenbelt borders. Building on the above mentioned site would absolutely take that definition away from the village. This goes completely against what 'Greenbelt' protection is designed to do. This boarder holds Protected trees and to my knowledge they have TPO's

2.) To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment / Saving areas of natural beauty: HG3-4

Again in particular for site HG3-4, this area is of natural outstanding beauty. This specific area has many public right of way's and pathways that are used frequently by ramblers, dog walkers, running clubs and the area also provides great walks through the fields for the residents of Rawdon. My wife and I use this area regularly to go out on walks with our two young children and due to the variety of wildlife living and using this space we use it as an educational facility for our children. This wonderful source of recreation/education for all would most certainly be lost forever if any development were to be given the go ahead. It would be an absolute tragedy and an injustice to the natural beauty and worth this site brings to Rawdon and its residents.

3.) No suitable infrastructure to cope with the already congested roads even after recent work carried out on the A65/Horsforth ring road. All sites above

We travel and suffer from congestion on this road every day and can only see this getting worse. What impact would any development have on the already heavily congested roads in the Rawdon/Aireborough district. In particular the very oversubscribed 'A65' and also the impact any development would have on traffic avoiding the afore mentioned road and cutting through Rawdon village itself. Rawdon village has had to introduce a 20mph scheme along with other traffic calming measures. This is to try to reduce the volume of accidents on already heavily congested roads as drivers take this as a shortcut to avoid the over-subscribed A65 even with the recent roundabout improvements and traffic lights.

4.) Impact the proposed development would have on the local wildlife. HG3-2-3-4

To date I have noted Red Kites, Woodpeckers, Owls, Deer, Newts and bats. It would be a tragedy to lose such varying wildlife.

5.) Practicality of building on HG3-4

Layton Lane suffers from surface water drainage problems. The proposed site for development acts as a natural soak away for this drainage and has several purpose provided land drains from the road to the fields. What will the impact be on Layton Lane drainage if any development goes ahead on this site? We also understand that Site HG3-4 holds old mine shafts which is why this could not previously be considered as building land. Any work on this site may affect existing housing.

6.) Going against LCC core Strategy – All above sites

We understand there has already been permission granted on 3 other sites that would help fill your quota, why are the builders not being pushed to use these sites?? Woodside Quarry 1000, Kirkstall forge 500, Clariant 300 and the many brownfield sites around Leeds city centre. It is our understanding that the LCC core strategy is to “ develop brown field sites before building on greenbelt. Why is this not happening?

7.) Human Rights – all above sites

We feel our Human rights are being impeded as the Village we moved to is increasingly being used as a cut through and any further development is going to make this much worse and changes the dynamics of the village.

I do hope you take on board all of our very deep concerns and make the right decisions to build on Brown field sites, save our Greenbelt and conservation areas that could be lost forever and review your housing target.

Kind Regards
Mr& Mrs Oldroyd