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To: [Site Allocations Plan](#)
Subject: PDE02105_CORE STRATEGY and the Site Allocation Plan (SAP).
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Dear Leeds City Council

I write to strongly object to your proposed CORE STRATEGY and the Site Allocation Plan (SAP).

Were it not for the fact that local campaign groups alerted me and my neighbours to the fact that you were having a public consultation, we would not have even known it was our last chance to comment on your plans for our neighbourhood. How can that be right?

I am a Rawdon resident and am objecting to the plan to build 70,000 houses in Leeds by 2028, many of them on protected GREEN BELT land. We know that this figure is based on 'out of date' statistics, and know the actual figure is more along the lines of 45,000 houses. I believe the use of obsolete housing target figures, although already approved is inconsistent with both national policy and the CORE STRATEGY - I understand that the NPPF states that housing calculations must be made using **up-to-date** statistics. Why can't you review these figures and THEN draw up a plan?

If affordable housing is in such short supply and high demand nationally then why are the sites which you have picked in areas which are renowned for high council taxes? This does not make any sense to me.

I would also like to know why GREEN BELT land is being selected for housing when we have a great deal of empty/derelict/unused houses in the Leeds area and a substantial amount of BROWNFIELD sites available. We have very little GREEN space left due to excessive building - Rawdon and surrounding Aireborough villages and towns have had more than their fair share of new house buildings on brownfield sites over the last ten years, isn't it about time other areas of Leeds took some of the strain instead of adding more houses to communities which are fit to burst already? You did not improve the area's infrastructure for the 2000 or so houses built here over recent years and surprisingly it seems you have **no** plans to support another 2,300 new homes to be built here! How can this be sustainable? We need to retain every bit of GREEN space we have for future generations. I am very concerned about the following sites and would like you to note my objections to building on the following.

HG2-12 FIELDS AT WOODLANDS DRIVE, RAWDON

HG3-2, HG3-3, HG3-4 FIELDS OFF A65, RAWDON

HG2-41 FIELDS SOUTH OF A65, HORSFORTH ROUNDABOUT TO THE CREMATORIUM

HG2-43 FIELDS AT HORSFORTH COLLEGE CAMPUS

The proposal to include these GREEN BELT sites in the local plan is NOT consistent with the national policy.

Did you carry out a detailed review of greenbelt alternatives or was it about where you could find the most 'choice' locations first? It seems to me that you have picked out the best spots and ignored the brownfield sites - I hear it is all about how much profit developers want to make. But at what cost to communities? Why aren't there more imaginative plans which call for a little less

profit and a bit more consideration for the real housing need of this area, and the country?

Why didn't you regularly consult the communities which are clearly going to suffer if your 'plan' goes ahead, in drawing up the plan? It feels like you know it is an ill-thought out plan, would not be popular, so avoided consultation. Why else would you choose not to involve residents?

As I have stated previously use BROWNFIELDS before GREEN BELT. The proposal to use this Strategic GREEN Infrastructure goes against the Leeds Core Strategy - it is an area designated by you. These sites are also part of the Special Landscape Area in the Aire Valley, designated by the Council. And Site HG2-12 is not only at the heart of these two areas, it is also lined on one side by Leeds Country Way - designated by you. It is surrounded by Cragg Wood Conservation area which is popular city-wide with visitors due to its special landscape. Why did you even consider this site because I am told it was not added until very late in the day, and so it was not included in your 'Issues and Options' document - I cannot believe it is legal to include it at such a late stage, is it?

We cannot build on such vital and unique GREEN BELT and GREEN SPACES - they will be lost forever.

Where will we walk?

Where will we exercise?

Where will we play?

Where will our children play?

Where will we ride our horses?

Where will we Cycle?

Where will people walk their dogs?

Where will the farmer graze his stock?

And where or where will the wildlife go? We have to protect the animals by keeping their habitat intact, this means keeping the GREEN land that we have left and we need to protect the trees and woodland.

We have to keep our special landscape and not allow urban sprawl to eat up our towns and villages. My village of Rawdon will lose its identity all together. Don't you know that if these sites are built on the boundaries of Rawdon village and Horsforth town will merge? Our area is defined by the definite character of each settlement in Aireborough and on the fringes of our bordering neighbours in North East Bradford. But they have distinct characters and residents love the places for that. I for one do not want to live in the massive city of BRAD-LEEDS which is what I fear will happen. It doesn't appear that you have consulted Bradford City Council because the road networks are as badly affected by current developments as it is. What are your plans cope with the 8000+ houses between Horsforth and Greengates? There appear to be none in your plan.

Have you cooperated with Bradford Council on this?

As we all know the congestion on the roads is ridiculous and with another 70,000 householders with cars it will become impossible. We are at gridlock now what on earth will it be like with no new infrastructure. It is a dangerous situation NOW we cannot cope with more. We don't have roads anymore we have slow moving car parks.

Where will these extra householders find doctors, dentists, where will they send their children to school? Our schools are full to capacity now. BROWN FIELD sites are available across Leeds and the Core Strategy itself says the **MUST** be developed first before GREEN BELT.

In conclusion I would like to know why
LCC have not revised its housing target in response to revised ONS projections.

Please take note of the facts
These are true statements
Development NOT justified
Development NOT effective
Development NOT legally compliant
Development NOT positively prepared
Development NOT in accordance with the NPPF

Please note I would like to be invited to attend Public Hearings, please make sure
I am informed and invited to any and all.

Kind Regards

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