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With regard to LCC's proposed housing developments on greenbelt land in the Rawdon and Horsforth area I wish to offer objections to the following areas.

1. HG2-12
2. HG3-2,HG3-3,HG3-4
3. HG2-41
4. HG2-43
5. HG1-96

The Council's proposal to include these greenbelt sites is **INCONSISTENT** with **NATIONAL POLICY** and against LCC's **CORE STRATEGY**. Destruction of green belt land rather than using brownfield sites is unjustified. Many brownfield sites described as 'suitable' in the SHLAA have not been included in the site allocation plan. These sites should be investigated further before using greenbelt especially since decontamination is a normal procedure with government funding available. Whilst I acknowledge the need for more housing proposing to build almost 13,000 houses in such a small area would effectively destroy it. It could mean a minimum 26,000 people, possibly 52,000 or more; introducing 13,000 more vehicles, possibly 26-30,000. The site allocation plan does not consider the infrastructure which is **CONTRARY** to **NATIONAL POLICY**.

The destruction of these green areas of farmland, public walking routes, ancient woodland, and conservation areas, irrevocably harming nature, has long term negative effects on the environment and implications for its many present residents.

For example, the HG2-43 area at the college campus in Horsforth includes a nature reserve and the following protected species have been observed there this year: water vole, harvest mice, great crested newts, barn owls and badgers. Using brown field land in a positive, environmentally friendly way, creating attractive residential areas preserves greenbelt land for **EVERYONE'S BENEFIT** stopping urban sprawl and protecting the unique nature of the ancient villages of Rawdon and Horsforth.

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