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To: [Site Allocations Plan](#)
Cc: [Stuart Andrew.MP:](#)
Subject: PDE02122_Planning feedback
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Objection to Leeds City Council SAP

I object to the following plans around Rawdon and Horsforth:

- HG2-10
- HG2-12
- HG2-41
- HG3-2
- HG3-2
- HG3-4

I have several reasons for objecting:

1. The road system is already overcrowded in the area. Yesterday my drive home from work took me 1h 10mins to get from Wellington Street in Leeds (the 'right' side of town) to Micklefield Lane in Rawdon, a distance of 7.5 miles, leaving Leeds at 5.05pm. Similarly this morning the same journey took 1h leaving Rawdon at 7.45am. It used to take 45-50 mins, but since the works have completed on the Horsforth ring road roundabout it now takes longer. More housing developments will only make this even worse.
2. I note that even when Apperley Bridge train station opens (which I hope to use to avoid the roads) the traffic is already stationary every morning from my house at the bottom of Micklefield Lane down Apperley Lane, so I expect even that short half mile journey is going to take at least 15 minutes (rather than 2 mins). There's also a housing development at the bottom of Apperley Lane which will undoubtedly cause further congestion.
3. There is no obvious benefit of these developments to the local community, and they will cause inconvenience to residents, businesses and schools alike. I'm not aware of adequate consultation with local residents etc having been made.
4. I'd be very interested to know when any traffic survey for this proposal took place. And has it been revisited after the 'improvements' to the Horsforth roundabout, as my experience indicates that traffic has worsened between Rawdon and Horsforth since that work completed? Either way I'd like to see the findings of this assessment.
5. One of the attractions of living in the Horsforth/Rawdon area is the green space around. The greenbelt seems to be completely disappearing with these proposals.
6. Local primary and secondary schools are all full.
7. Doctors and dentists are also full.
8. These developments don't appear to bring any employment opportunities post build, so local job prospects will be worsened by increasing housing. (The absence of local employment will exacerbate the traffic issues as residents will need to commute.)
9. There are practically no council run community facilities for young people in the area. The limited number of private facilities that are available are at maximum capacity due to high demand.
10. I would also expect crime rates to worsen in the absence of anything for young people to do.
11. Police and council services in the area have been cut back and reduced, so the introduction of more residents will further worsen the impact of these reductions.

12. As well as these practical points and aesthetics (green space), undoubtedly local property prices will suffer for existing residents as this becomes a less attractive area to live in.
13. There must be other areas of Leeds that more obviously lend themselves to new housing developments. Where regeneration is more urgently needed, where previous buildings already demolished, where there is capacity to service residents with schooling, doctors, dentists, etc, hence also creating job opportunities for those residents.

I sincerely hope you take this and other objections seriously, as the impacts of all these planning applications are far-reaching and will genuinely deteriorate the quality of life of current residents in the area, and won't deliver satisfactory quality of life to those moving to the area, for all those reasons set out above.

Kind regards

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