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To: [Site Allocations Plan](#)
Subject: PDE02128_Proposed housing development in Rawdon
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To whom it may concern,

I am writing in disgust at Leeds City Councils proposed housing development plan for Aireborough in particular Rawdon. I cannot understand why you are forging ahead with plans to build on green belt land which will decimate the landscape and stretch an already floundering infrastructure. I have been a resident of Rawdon for twenty years and grew up in Yeadon in fact my family history in Aireborough goes back well over a hundred years so I would say I am well informed regarding the issues that affect Rawdon.

I understand the council has targets to meet regarding housing but cannot understand why you are targeting green belt land when you have hundreds if not thousands of 'tinned' up council owned properties in south Leeds that you have overlooked for the past four years.

My concerns are as follows,

1. Why are you targeting green belt land which goes against the national policy of using brown field land before green belt, this policy change by you is totally unjustifiable?
2. Why does your proposal to use strategic green infrastructure contradict your own Leeds Core Strategy?
3. Aireborough has a long history, all three towns of Yeadon, Rawdon and Guiseley were represented independently by a borough council and still has its own identity within Leeds. The proposed development H2-41 would mean the area is swallowed up into making another Leeds suburb.
4. H2-41 There is a proposal to build a school within this area, was this not suggested at the planning stage in the High Royds development at Menston along with a doctors surgery and shops etc. How many of these were actually built.? None.
5. The impact on local schools will be huge as you well know they are already under funded, poorly maintained and over stretched. My example would be my children's school, Rawdon St Peters that has brilliant teachers trying to do a job on a shoe string budget. The buildings are old and require substantial improvement, my five year old son does not like using the toilets as they smell of urine which can be smelt within the classroom. Surely money would be better spent improving existing schools who you are constantly letting down.
6. The impact on Doctors / Dentists in the area will be huge as even now you cannot get an appointment when you want.
7. HG 2-41, HG3, HG2-12 How on earth is the roads infrastructure going to cope with increased traffic and don't say a road link to the airport will improve the situation as that is complete none sense. You are planning to build at least two thousand houses and that would mean an increase of four thousand vehicles on the road within Rawdon which is ridiculous.
8. HG2-12 and fields at rear of Layton Lane - The effect on the areas wildlife will be catastrophic, birds such as woodpeckers, house martins, sparrow hawks all live within the area and their habitat would be decimated if this development goes ahead.
9. How can Leeds City Council be able to build on land which is a conservation area such as Cragg Wood? How can you sleep at night?
10. These proposed developments would have significant implications on my families lifestyle, Where would my kids be able to run in a field, paddle in a stream or climb a tree? If you had your way they'll have to make do with climbing a lamp post...

Finally I would like to mention that if you push through this poorly thought through proposal this will have a massive impact on the lives of people of Rawdon, in effect we will lose our identity being swallowed up by Horsforth. It would mean my family and I no longer have access to open spaces such as The billing, Cragg Wood or the fields at the rear of Layton Lane to walk or exercise which will have a massive impact on our well being.

I will do my up most to oppose these proposals and I would like a reply regarding my concerns raised.

Thank you

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