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Dear Sirs,

Leeds City Council Site Allocation Consultation

Sites – HG3-2, HG3-3, HG4 – Land adjacent to Knott Lane and Layton Lane, Rawdon.

Site HG2-12 - Woodland Drive, Rawdon.

Site HG2-41 - “ Strawberry Picking Fields”

I take this opportunity to voice my objection to the proposed housing development on the areas of land shown above.

These sites are Green Belt and are shown as “Strategic Green Infrastructure” within Leeds Core Strategy. Leeds Core Strategy, in its glossary defines Green Belt as: “A designation for areas of open land around certain cities and larger built up areas where strict planning controls apply to keep this land permanently open or largely undeveloped”.

The Government's policy is to protect Green Belt, as outlined in the National Planning Policy Framework. In it paragraph 79 states: The Government attaches great importance to Green Belts. The fundamental aim of Green Belt policy is to prevent urban sprawl by keeping land permanently open; the essential characteristics of Green Belts are their openness and permanence.

The Housing Minister stated On 3 February 2015, “Unmet housing needs should not exceed maintaining the greenbelt, and this is put forward in the National Planning Policy Framework”

It is clear from the above documents that Leeds City Council are ignoring their own Green Belt policies, and more importantly, those of the Government. These developments therefore should not be allowed to take place.

We must strongly protect these areas of Green Belt, which include important woodland and farmland, not only for ourselves but for generations to come.

Once Green Belt is lost – it is lost for good.

The other main issue is that of the local infrastructure. Existing roads, both local and major routes, schools, health services etc. would not be able to sustain the increased need of the local population.

Wendy Hargrave.