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To: [Site Allocations Plan](#)
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Dear sir

I am extremely concerned about the proposal to allow so many new developments on green belt sites in the Rawdon/Yeadon/Horsforth area.

As I understand it these are respectively:

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

My objections are as follows:

1. Surely the proposal to use Green Belt before brownfield sites cannot be justified , unless to ensure that the developers make an increased profit.
2. It is not consistent with the national policy to include these Green Belt sites in the Local Plan.
3. It goes against the Leeds Core Strategy to use this strategic Green Belt infrastructure.
4. Such developments would put an exceptional strain on the existing infrastructure of the area, which is already struggling to cope.

a) schools I taught for 30 years in the Horsforth/ Guiseley area and am all too well aware of the struggle to provide sufficient school places. This is partly due to the number of new developments which have already been built . The proposed new developments would make meeting the demand even more challenging. Developers cannot be trusted to provide the necessary infrastructure (eg. the development on the High Royds site which was **supposed** to include a new school ,but which never materialised.)

b) medical services My daughter is a GP who, until recently, practised in the Rawdon/Yeadon area and so I can say with certainty that the demand on GP surgeries is already reaching breaking point.

c) transport To add further traffic to the A65, which is inevitable if these proposals go ahead would only increase the misery of commuters trying to get into and out of Leeds on a daily basis. I have experienced gridlock situations on several occasions, not only at peak rush hours. The A65 cannot take any more feeder roads.

5. I also feel very strongly that these proposed developments would lead to a loss of community identity, as one village merges into another. Eventually, Leeds and Bradford will become one huge urban sprawl. There is plenty of research to show that a sense of belonging to an identified community helps to create a sense of well-being. This is particularly important for the most vulnerable in our society- in

particular, children, the elderly and those with physical or mental difficulties.

Finally, I would like to say how important it has been to me to be able to access this green belt land during the 40 years I have lived in the area. To be able to take a walk, appreciate the seasons changing, and spend time with family and friends whilst exploring these spaces cannot be undervalued. From personal experience, I know that being able to access green space to take exercise and just enjoy the scenery has benefited my sense of well-being both physically and mentally. I would hope the proposed developments do not go ahead so that future generations can also reap the benefits I have enjoyed.

Yours faithfully

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