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To: [Site Allocations Plan](#)
Subject: PDE02165_Fw: Objections to development sites HG2-12,41 & HG3-2,3,4.
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> > > Subject: Objections to development sites
> HG2-12,41
> > & HG3-2,3,4.
> > > To: sap@leeds.gov.uk
> > > Date: Wednesday, 28 October, 2015, 14:28
> > > Not Justified:
> > > The start of urban sprawl by building on green
> > corridor
> > > between Bradford and Leeds and obliterating open
> > views,
> > > especially at HG2-12 and HG2-41. Rawdon Cragg
> Wood
> > > conservation area would be lost to HG3-3 despite
> being
> > part
> > > of LCC's 'Strategic Green Infrastructure'. Where
> would
> > we
> > > walk when it was gone?
> > > Wild-life habitats around ancient Ghyll Beck would
> be
> > lost,
> > > despite HG2-12, HG3-3 and HG3-4 being part of UK
> > > Biodiversity Action Plan. Bluebell woods and
> mature
> > woodland
> > > would go forever, along with several farms at
> Rawdon -
> > major
> > > employers in the village. HG2-12, HG3-2 and HG2-41
> are
> > > farmed at present.
> > > The development would cause problems for the A65,
> > including
> > > gridlock at the ringroad, not to mention being
> > dangerous.
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> > > Overlooked Alternatives:
> > > Brownfield sites, which LCC says must be
> developed
> > before
> > > greenbelt. Also, the council has ignored
> corrections in
> > the
> > > housing target which has been calculated at
> 45,000,
> > not
> > > 70,000 as formerly. this adjustment removes the
> need
> > to
> > > build on greenbelt.

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> > > Limited Highways Access:
> > > Only one access point via Southlands Ave for
> HG2-12.
> > Other
> > > roads inadequate for 130 extra houses. Knotts
> Lane,
> > even if
> > > realigned for HG2-12, HG3-2 and HG3-3, would not
> solve
> > > access issues onto A65. Also flooding at HG2-12
> may
> > make
> > > site undeliverable.
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> > > Not Legally Compliant:
> > > No prior consultation over HG2-12.
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> > > Not Positively Prepared:
> > > Plans not based on comprehensive review but a
> selective
> > one,
> > > making site allocations unsound. Neither is it in
> > accordance
> > > with NPPF, esp: Protecting Greenbelt (Ch9), and
> > Consulting
> > > over Environment (Ch 11). In order to ignore
> these
> > guidelines
> > > the council has used 'growth' as an exceptional
> > > circumstance, refusing to acknowledge their
> flawed
> > > calculations.
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