

From:
To: [Site Allocations Plan](#)
Cc:
Subject: PDE02170_Objections
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Dear Sir/Madam

Objection from resident to LCC SAP

I object to the following plans for the Rawdon and Horsforth area:

Site:

HG2-10

HG2-12

HG2-41

HG3-2

HG3-2

HG3-4

For the following reasons:

The proposals serve no benefit to the community and will cause hardship and inconvenience to local residents, businesses and schools.

No adequate consultation has been made in this respect.

Presently all roads into and out of Rawdon, Yeadon, Guiseley and Horsforth cannot cope with the volume of traffic using them. There are queues along the A65, Micklefield Lane and Apperley Lane every workday morning and afternoon, and at weekends. We often cannot even get out of our drive in the mornings because of queuing traffic and the same returning at the end of the day. The Station at Apperley Bridge has not yet opened (and in addition to this the swing bridge across the canal is due to be closed (which currently absorbs some of the Bradford bound traffic down Apperley Lane); when this happens this will gridlock Rawdon at rush hour. I do not believe that a full impact traffic survey has been done. Please will you provide details of when and where any traffic surveys have been undertaken by the developers for these sites? Nor do I believe that the planning departments for the two councils of Leeds and Bradford have been communicating/working together on potential developments. Increases in houses in the Apperley Bridge area, the new station and potential permanent road closures will have a **major** impact for traffic in Rawdon.

At present;

- Travelling to the centre of Leeds by car can already take up to 50 minutes because the present infrastructure cannot cope.
- A recent journey to Greengates from Rawdon took almost 40 minutes by car to

travel less than 2 miles.

- Coming from New Road Side, Horsforth up to the roundabout that crosses the ringroad to go straight on to Rawdon, the new traffic light system is letting at best 4 cars through the roundabout at a time. You can no longer use both lanes to go straight on and this has resulted in huge queues and increased journey times.

There have been in excess of 2400 houses built in Aireborough in the past decade with no obvious investment or improvement to roads and infrastructure. The Local primary and secondary schools are already full to almost crisis point and health providers such as doctors' surgeries and dentists are currently full.

There are already limited local employment prospects for young people and this will be further worsened by increasing housing in the area without investing in sites which would provide permanent jobs.

There are practically no council run community facilities for young people in the area. The limited number of private facilities that are available are, again at maximum capacity due to high demand.

The existing problem of bored teenagers on the streets is highlighted by the increase in crime in the area. This will again worsen.

Police and council services in the area have been cut back and reduced and, again, this problem will continue to worsen.

This area is presently clinging on to its former rural status, which was one of the reasons we paid a premium price to move here in the first place, and is the remaining greenbelt dividing Leeds and Bradford. Building further into this area will effectively merge the urban sprawl between the two cities. Even the regions within this area of Leeds are losing their identity; if the green spaces between, Horsforth, Rawdon, Yeadon and Guiseley are developed then they will merge into one big urban sprawl.

What happened to protecting our greenbelt, and one adjacent to a conservation area? What about the listed trees and buildings and the habitats of local wildlife? What about our and our children's wellbeing of being able to enjoy the green spaces we have left within walking/ cycling distance?

I fear that these objections will be ignored and that the developments will go ahead regardless of common sense. I fear this area of the city will become gridlocked and will have such an impact on our daily work and home life that we will be forced to move from the area.

I hope I am wrong.

I wish to be informed of all further plans/developments/public meetings etc.

I believe there are more suitable sites within the Leeds area which can be more effectively and less harmfully used.

Yours sincerely

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