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To: [Site Allocations Plan](#)
Subject: PDE02509_Objection to proposed housing - Rawdon
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To Leeds City Council, Planning

I should like to register my objection to the proposed housing development on greenbelt land in Horsforth and Rawdon in particular Site HG3-4.

It is my understanding that Brownfield sites are available and must be developed before greenbelt land and that greenbelt is protected in all but exceptional circumstances, yet 97% of the proposed building in Rawdon is on greenbelt land. This will destroy Rawdon's status as a village and spoil the landscape and historic character of the area. It will create urban sprawl and loss of identity for Rawdon and Horsforth. Site HG3-4 is used as farming land – what will happen to this? At a time when we are encouraging the local production of produce why do you want to build on farmland?

The council has not revised its housing target in response to revised ONS projections – if it had done so they would be aware that 70,000 was much too high a proposal and it should be more in the region of 45,000.

At a time when childhood obesity and diabetes is on the increase should we not be preserving green areas where children can be encouraged to play and exercise outdoors instead of cooped up inside on computers.

Despite recent work on the Horsforth roundabout (A65) traffic is still at a standstill from the roundabout past Layton Lane on a morning and on an evening. School places are short, Doctors are full to capacity as are dentists – I myself already have to travel several miles in order to see a dentist. My son travels from Rawdon to Menston to school and the school bus is late most mornings due to traffic congestion. I have been late when travelling to Leeds city centre by bus despite the new bus lanes in Kirkstall.

I feel very strongly that you need to re-think these proposals. Whilst I appreciate the need for new housing, this proposal is for far more housing than the area can cope with and there are far more suitable areas in Leeds. I have no doubt that the council is motivated by greed as land in this area will sell for premium prices but there are far more important things than money – in particular the health and future of our children and generations to come.

Regards
Paul Moss