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To: [Site Allocations Plan](#)
Subject: PDE02566_Comments/protest against the draft Consultation - See Site References Below
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Dear Leeds City Council

This to protest against a range of developments being mooted for the Rawdon/Horsforth areas, showing that *the Site Allocation plan is fundamentally unsound.*

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Site References

HG2 – 9
HG2 – 10
HG2 -12
HG2 – 41
HG2 -42
HG2 – 43
HG3 – 2
HG3 – 3
HG3 – 4

Key Complaints

1. The proposal to include these Green Belt sites in the Local Plan is *not compliant with the national policy planning framework* (ignoring the stated permanence of the Greenbelt, ignores the stated purposes it serves, ignores the announcement by current Government Housing ministers (3/2/15) that site allocation plans should not allocate Greenbelt, and is inconsistent with most of the stated purposes set out in NPPF Chapter 11)
 2. The proposal *to use Greenbelt sites before brownfield alternatives is not justified*
 3. The proposal *to use this Strategic Green Infrastructure is not positively prepared as goes against the Leeds Core Strategy*
 4. The proposal to use sites HG2-12, HG2 41, HG3 -2, HG3 – 3 would leave only Rawdon Crematorium as intervening space. This *effective merging of Horsforth and Rawdon is not compliant with the NPPF and is not positively prepared as it goes against Leeds Core Strategy*
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5. **Personal Impact** . All of the above are specific planning/legal reasons why the plan is unsound. But on a personal level we are sick to death of having this area of Leeds wrecked by unwarranted, excessive, and inappropriate housing developments. These are being forced on the local community, regardless of the impact on local residents, the environment and the existence of the Greenbelt for future generations. The most visible and obvious impacts are:
 - Schools and health provision at breaking point
 - Loss of green spaces for recreation
 - Major congestion and pollution and frequently gridlock, with knock-on impacts to the local economy. Case in point and not untypical: I had to abandon trying to drive into Leeds this morning for a business meeting (mid-morning, good weather conditions) because there was a 1.5 mile tailback from the Horsforth Ring Road roundabout back towards Rawdon. This scene is repeated again and again, not just at rush hour but throughout the day and much of the weekend, across Horsforth and Rawdon. To propose a further 1001 homes within metres of this roundabout is

ridiculous and will make the area impassable.

Please come to your senses Leeds City Council!

Yours faithfully

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