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To: [Site Allocations Plan](#)
Subject: PDE02575_Objection to proposed development in Rawdon
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To whomever it may concern,

I live in Rawdon with my partner and 3 children. We chose to live in Rawdon as it is surrounded by lots of green belt and farm land. We love the local area and enjoy walking our dog and exploring the fields.

I believe the proposed developments on the following sites reference HG2-12 Woodlands Drive, HG2-41 Rawdon Crematorium- Horsforth Roundabout, HG3-2 Knott Lane West, HG3-2 Knott Lane East and HG3-4 Layton Lane are NOT justified for the following reasons:

Our special landscape area would be lost forever by spoiling distinctive open valley views and rural character of Rawdon village and Leeds/ Bradford green corridor. All sites are within LCC's own designated Special Landscape Area.

Vital area of greenbelt forever LOST blurring the gap between Leeds and Bradford, encroaching into our open countryside. This is unplanned urban sprawl. Rawdon's village identity gone. All sites in greenbelt.

No comprehensive greenbelt review, as required under core strategy.

Strategic green infrastructure of Aire Valley **FOREVER LOST** restricting enjoyment of area for walking, cycling, horse riding and harming nature and ecology. Leeds countryway runs through HG2-12 and alongside HG3-2 & HG3-3, a key regional recreational route. All sites part of LCC's own designated Strategic Green Infrastructure Area.

A65 FULL and over-capacity

Concentrating more developments along A65 is unsustainable, dangerous and would be a disaster for area. HG2-41 with a school would cause gridlock at ring-road. Worsened by one-point access into HG2-12, HG3-2 and HG3-3 from unsuitable Knott Lane. Limited mitigation measures.

Not enough school places/ Local schools are heavily over-subscribed.

Potential alternatives have been overlooked:

North East Bradford - Has the Council worked with Bradford Council to look at joint plan for bordering towns and villages?

Brownfield Sites ARE available elsewhere across Leeds. LCC Core Strategy says itself that all these must be developed before greenbelt land.

Council has not revised its housing target in response to revised ONS projections which would mean city needs 45,000 and not current target of 70,000 - on which the Council based its Core Strategy. A reduction in target of just 15,000 would remove need to take any land out of greenbelt.

The vital areas of green belt would be **LOST** forever as a result the wildlife habitats would be DESTROYED. Priority habitats including wild deer, bats, field fare, lapwing, curlew, sparrow hawk, tawny owl would disappear. All sites contain protected mature trees and woodland. one site has a native bluebell wood another an established pond with palmate newts.

Grade 3 farmland would be LOST the rich agricultural land would disappear resulting in loss of jobs and farming heritage and LOSS of bee keeping apiary.

I believe the development is NOT legally compliant for the following reasons:

No consultation on site HD2-12 prior to allocation.

HG2-12 NOT included in issues and options consultation in June.

NOT compliant with statement of community involvement.

I had NO correspondence about the councils public consultation in 2013.

Development NOT positively prepared.

There was NO comprehensive green belt review as required by previous inspector when he passed core strategy as sound.

Selective and FLAWED green belt review means the core strategy and site allocation plan are UNSOUND.

Development NOT in accordance with the NPPF.

Especially chapters 9 protecting green belt 11 conserving natural environment 12 conserving historic environment.

It is vital that all my points are taken into consideration as safeguarding our local green spaces is important to myself, my family and my local community.

Yours Sincerely
Andrew Mason