

From:
To: [Site Allocations Plan](#)
Cc:
Subject: PDE02591_Site allocation for Rawdon
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Dear Sirs,

I would like to you accept this correspondence as my written objection to the sites allocated in and around the Rawdon area, the reasons for which are stated below.

The allocations in question are (using your own references):

HG2-41 - Horsforth Roundabout to Rawdon Crematorium;

HG2-12- Woodland Drive, Rawdon;

HG3-2, HG3-3, HG3-4 - Land adjacent to Knott Lane and Layton Lane, Rawdon.

While I object to the use of other allocated sites in the region also, it is the above collection of sites to which I object most strongly.

I have been a resident of Rawdon for over 25 years and have witnessed its growth and development over those years to a point which is now evidently placing a great deal of stress on the surrounding infrastructure. The current status of traffic, lack of parking and dwindling availability of services are clear signs that the area cannot withstand further addition to its population of the scale which would inevitably result if development on those sites allocated were to take place. The rumoured suggested amendments to the current infrastructure do not instil me with any confidence in their ability to mitigate the affect on the inhabitants of the region, simply because there appears to be no feasibility or discernible effect to be achieved by them.

On an aesthetic level, I would expect it to be obvious that removing large swathes of green belt land which, incidentally, appears to be in clear contravention of not only national policy but also Leeds' own policy, would destroy a much needed piece of countryside. Such spaces are still needed, not just for wildlife but for the wellbeing of all and the joy to be had of seeing an uninterrupted piece of countryside and vegetation.

Finally I would be interested to learn of how the apparent need for so many houses for this region has arisen, given that the figures and statistics would tend to support a much smaller figure than that stated.

I do hope that this correspondence will be read and note taken of my points, which I know to be shared by a large number of other residents in the area. Surely there must be some brown field sites which could be used or tighter restrictions placed on developers who would propose building only a small handful of large, expensive properties instead of more, smaller, affordable properties, of which the region is clear in need.

Please let's have some common sense and find some better alternatives.

Yours faithfully

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