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Dear Sir, Madam

I have been a resident of Leeds for the past 25 years, 16 of which I lived and started a family in Farsley. Over the last decade or so I have watched the change and overdevelopment of the small suburban village to such a point where there is no longer an obvious divide between its neighbouring villages of Bramley, Pudsey, Rodley they have simply amalgamated into one. There was always something unique and individual about these villages each with their own identity and character unfortunately this has been lost forever!! The infrastructure in the Farsley area has not unfortunately grown with the recent development, schools, doctors, dental practices etc. have lagged behind not to mention the increased volume in vehicles, congestion, pollution and green space.

Therefore we made a decision based on all of the above and the need to try and provide our children with the best education we could find in the area. We chose Rawdon, close to what we know, close to our family and friends but with the added advantage of the Village identity, surrounded by beautiful countryside which is protected against over development. We had the choice of several schools in the area in Horsforth and Yeadon a doctors surgery where you can actually get an appointment in a day or so and green fields and wildlife within minutes of our home.

Your proposals will destroy one of the very few remaining villages and areas of natural beauty left in this part of Leeds.

While I appreciate that we have a growing population, people are living longer and there is a shortage of affordable housing I urge you to consider and address some of my issues listed below.

1. The re-allocation of post code at the new Clariant housing development at Rodley from LS13 to LS 18. We in Rawdon no longer are guaranteed a place for our children within the LS18 school catchment area as this new estate has taken up all the allocated school places even though we are nearer and historically residents of Rawdon received a fair allocation of places. Where will all the children go to school in the future?
2. The recent 18 month reconstruction of the Horsforth roundabout – as part of your design plan did you future proof this design for the additional no of vehicles that will be using A65 or will we as residents have to endure another period of pain and disruption in the future. What have you put in place to improve local public transport ?. You currently provide a bus service from the Clariant Estate to Horsforth train station which is hardly used (even though there was a train route and old platform not 500 yds from the new site). The A65 is still at a standstill at peak times following the re-construction so how can it cope with even more development, the Buses have to use this same route as well .
3. Knott Lane additional 146 houses – it is impossible to exit Knott Lane at peak times now so what have you designed to improve this when you have added another 150 to 200 vehicles who all want access onto the A65. How do we get our children to school in good

time. How do the emergency services get to and from their destination when they will and are currently sat at a standstill.

4. Why the volume – as I have said previously I understand you have to do something but the volume of development along an already busy road seems dis-proportional to what the infrastructure can support, this will cause chaos.
5. Greenspace – how can you destroy a so called protected conservation area at will why isn't allocated Brown belt being developed as a priority must be alternative sites areas that will not have such a devastating effect to this area.
6. Wildlife – what happens to all the wildlife that flourishes in this Conservation area
7. Added Pollution – Hundreds of additional vehicles
8. Public Transport – how, where ?
9. Schools, Doctors, Dentist ?
10. Surface Water Flooding ?
11. Affordable Housing, plans for 4/5 bed houses how can these fall into this bracket.

These are just a few of the questions that need considering and all we ask as residents is that a sensible view is taken on where and how much development takes place and a considerate and balanced approach is taken before yet another of our villages and beautiful green spaces are destroyed forever, you as a Council have a duty to consider and act for **all** not just the house builders and their profit lines.

Regards

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