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To: [Site Allocations Plan](#)
Subject: PDE02909_Objection to the proposed building on green belt along A65 corridor.
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Dear Sir,

My husband and I would both like to strongly object to the proposed building of houses on the green belt sites adjacent to the A65 corridor, particularly HG-12, HG3-3, HG3-4, HG2-41 and HG2-43.

Our concerns are:

1. The A65 is already overloaded with traffic, particularly at peak times. We overlook the road and witness long queues from Rawdon to the Horsforth roundabout every week day morning from 7 30am and in the evenings from 5pm. If the new airport link road is built and these houses , then we fear for total gridlock.
 2. It is already extremely difficult to turn out of Knott Lane on to the A65. This is the only existing route out of the crematorium and if more houses were added then access would have to be controlled in some way, further adding to the congestion.
 3. On a very personal note, my husband needs local honey for a medical condition. At present, this is obtained from the apiary sited in HG3-3. So, we would like this to remain as a small holding. Also, we understand that there is a major gas main running directly under this field, which may prohibit building there.
 4. We are concerned for the social infrastructure in the village of Rawdon. Will there be enough Primary and subsequent Secondary school places or room within the local Doctor's practices?
 5. In April, this year, we, personally, saw a doe and her two young deer , whilst out for a walk. This was in the field by Cragg Wood, less than 20metres from HG2-12. If this site was to be developed then we would fear for the safety and tranquillity for those deer. It is a vital area of green belt where so far, man and animals have co- existed easily.
- We, as a family, have spent many hours walking in the area, which gave our children a respect for nature and contributed to their social well being.
6. We feel that Brown field sites, should be developed before despoiling our green belt areas. This should be in line with Leeds City Council's own Core Strategy.
 7. HG2-12 is an area of flood risk and has the same major gas main as in HG3-3, running in it. We, also understand that it is not legally compliant, because of a lack of consultation prior to it being allocated to housing, in the Site Action Plan.
 8. We, also, feel that the Council have over estimated the number of houses that will be needed in Leeds, by some 15,000 and that only 45,000 are needed. If this is the case, we, respectfully ask, that you reconsider your decision to build on the aforesaid green belt land. We ask that you protect and save our green belt heritage.

To build on green belt land is not consistent with the National Policy.

These concerns are not necessarily, questions of the planning framework or ideals, but they do stem from genuine concerns for the practicalities of life.

Yours faithfully,
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