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To: [Site Allocations Plan](#)
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to register my objection to Leeds City Councils unthinkable, non reversible intention to build on great swathes of green belt land all over Leeds.

I understand that you require specific referenced area objections so I will point out those which will most directly affect me day to day, both visually and practically, but still want it noting that I consider ALL the proposed Leeds City council green belt planning proposals to be entirely unacceptable and frankly unnecessary.

I am currently blessed in living in The Green Belt Conservation area of Cragg Wood and have done so for the past 21 years. I have over the past few years had planning refused at my home in this green belt conservation area on two occasions. Though there were no objections locally for either application, both were refused by Leeds Planning– and the second being for a summer house, on the basis that we had already extended the house up to the maximum additional area acceptable in a green belt conservation area. Now, merely weeks after our summer house planning refusal, I have been alerted, not by any information from Leeds City Council as we haven't received any notification regarding the greenbelt building proposal from the council, to the fact that the council are planning to build all over the same green belt conversation area to which we cannot have a summer house.

I object to the 130 homes proposed on HG2-12 which is on and in the same area as my own home. There are not only issues relating to access roads, Knott Lane and then the terminally busy A65, but the fact that this is a Conservation Green belt area which is beyond belief that it could ever be considered or deemed necessary to build here.

My second area of objection is HG2-41 for 777 homes on "Strawberry Picking Field". This proposal coupled with HG3-2 and HG3-3 would further gridlock the A65 and merge the village of Rawdon with Horsforth which is unacceptable and against the fundamental aim of Green Belt policy to prevent urban sprawl by keeping land permanently open to prevent neighbouring towns merging in to one another.

It is my absolute belief that the only reason for the Councils determination to build on Greenfield Green Belt sites is because it is cheaper for developers and therefore more attractive to the big builders who will in turn promise to do other remedial and major infrastructure works that currently lay with LCC to deal with from diminishing budgets. This certainly doesn't make such proposals acceptable or agreeable for anyone who will have to live with the consequences of these ill conceived schemes.

I have lived in the local area for over 45 years and have in that time seen Horsforth grow from a village to a town. I have seen greenfield sites being built on – always regrettable but perhaps on a small scale unavoidable. But the idea that 70,000 homes are needed to be built in Leeds by 2028 – thus necessitating the proposed allowance for Greenfield sites to be built on is in contradiction of the Office of National Statistics projections which have stated a figure of 45,000 homes needed in the city in the same timescale. If we take the Office of National Statistics housing figures to be correct then all the proposed major Greenfield Green Belt sites could and should be removed from the councils planning proposals.

Leeds City Council MUST look more favourably on the available Brownfield sites or very small scale greenfield infill – if deemed unavoidable. LCC needs to stop kowtowing to the big builders who want the easiest and most profitable options to mass build. Long after the chosen few big builders have moved on the effects of such greenfield planning approval would leave the towns

and villages affected by the destruction of our greenbelts unrecognisable and certainly not the places where many of us have aspired to live and have enjoyed for so many years.

Thank you for taking the time to read my objections. I hope sense will prevail before we destroy the unique greenfield nature of the biggest City in our finest of counties.

Yours faithfully

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