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**Cc:** [Stuart Andrew.MP](#)  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to object to the Leeds City Council Site Allocations Plan in Airebrough. My concerns and the following comments relate to the following sites HG2-12, HG2-41, HG3-2, HG3-3 and HG3-4.

The proposed housing will impact on the distinctive open valley views and rural character of Rawdon village and Leeds/Bradford green corridor would be adversely impacted. With sites HG2-12, HG2-41, HG3-2, HG3-3 and HG3-4 suffering from significant adverse impact upon both their overall character. There would be significant impact upon the Rawdon Cragg Wood which is very important. It has historic character and can be considered as the vital characteristics which warranted its designation as a Conservation Area. This can be found in the Cragg Wood Conservation Area Appraisal. HG3-3 is within this conservation area whilst HG2-12 is within the immediate setting of it. The current proposals would have a huge impact upon the local area and its important Greenbelt land, the land occupied by allocated sites HG2-12, HG2-41, HG3-2, HG3-3 and HG3-4 is all in Greenbelt. This Greenbelt land helps to define Rawdon and keep the green village character. Furthermore it is the only strip of undeveloped land between Leeds city centre and the outer edges of Guiseley and Menston. Ghyll Beck (which runs through the edge of HG3-4) is the historic boundary between Rawdon and Horsforth. The development of this land would lead to urban sprawl, putting together numerous settlements into one large one and this would not have a positive impact on village life. In addition to the damage that would be inflicted upon the Greenbelt, there is the impact upon the Strategic Green Infrastructure of Aire Valley. It will impact on walking, cycling and horse riding.

It will also impact on nature and ecology of the sites and the wider area.

The ancient Ghyll Beck runs next to HG3-4 Layton Lane fields and through HG3-3 and HG2-41. All sites contain protected mature trees and woodland including many Common Ash and Horse Chestnuts, both of which are under great threat from environmental factors, do we want to add development factors to this too.

All sites classified Grade 3 agricultural land. Rawdon's several farms are major employers in the village which has a rich farming heritage.

This is something we should be working to sustain not destroy.

There are already insufficient school places and general facilities in the area. The area

will not accommodate the level of housing which is proposed. Furthermore there are brown field sites available elsewhere in Leeds and in areas with more capacity in its local schools and facilities.\_

**LCC Core Strategy says itself that all these must be developed before greenbelt land.**

These are also areas where they would benefit from investment and development, surely this has to be in the interests of Leeds as a city rather than developing Greenbelt land because it offers developers an easier profit without having to contribute as much to the welfare and future of the local communities.

Highways access to all sites is horrible. The A65 which joins all of the sites is full and beyond capacity. The completed works to the roundabouts at Horsforth and Rodley have done little to improve matters and it is getting steadily worse as more houses are completed in the area. Concentrating more developments along A65 is unsustainable, dangerous and would be disaster for the area and the people who live here. HG2-41 with a school would cause gridlock at ring-road.

**We already have to deal with gridlock on a daily basis on the A65.**

I don't believe there was any consultation on site HG2-12 or half of the lands allocated as of the lands allocated as part of HG3-4 prior to it being allocated to housing in Site Allocations Plan. HG2-12 was not included in Issues and Options consultation in June. Both of these issues are not in line with the requirements of the process and is therefore not legally compliant. Their inclusion should be immediately reversed from this plan and all future plans.

Finally if the council had carried out a genuinely comprehensive Green Belt review the site allocations would followed it, and not lead the plan.

I would like to confirm my desire and wish to take part in the public examination.

kind regards,

**Siobhan Airey.**

Resident of Rawdon Village.