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**To:** [Site Allocations Plan](#)  
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Dear sir/Madame,

I travel to Horsforth every day and was somewhat dismayed to learn from a colleague that you are planning on building on the fields in Rawdon and Horsforth.

I wish to object for the following reasons:

1. This areas infrastructure is at breaking point at present. Without substantial investment in this area as well it simply cannot sustain this amount of new housing.
2. Why is the Council focusing on the Aireborough district of the city for development ? And in particular green field sites? In the Council housing sector the city is always treated as one area. In my view this should also apply to new housing development. A couple of miles down from Rawdon, the site around Kirkstall Lights is in dire need of redevelopment and regeneration and is not a green field site.
3. None of the recent housing developments in LS18 and 19 have been affordable for local people. What is needed is 1 or 2 bedroom affordable homes for young families or people looking to downsize. The developments on the site of the old Horsforth police station and chemical factory have provided none of this and with an average price of around £300,000, this is clearly out of the reach of most, especially young people.
4. As a local resident, I have not been made aware of the consultation by the Council and it is only through the hard work of the Rawdon Greenbelt Action Group that I have been informed.
5. I was of the impression that that there was an onus on the council to build on brown/grey field sites around the city and this is clearly not the case here.
6. Sites hg2-42, hg2-43, hg2-12, hg3-2, hg3-3 and hg3-4 are all in green belt and apart from the crematorium join Rawdon and Horsforth. Such a large development would cause the A65, which is on overload now, to become gridlocked at all other times, and not just at peak times as it is now. The new development at the old Clariant chemical works has added heavy traffic and the new roundabout has made matters worse in Rawdon!

My own observations are that I have never seen any passengers at any of the bus stops, or on the buses as they drive by.

There are only 3 places at which traffic going to and from the Leeds and Bradford conurbations can cross the River Aire to the west of Kirkstall.

These are at Kirkstall Lights where the road layout does seem to keep traffic flowing reasonably well, at Rodley where the traffic jams are phenomenal at both the Horsforth and Rodley roundabouts, and at Apperley Bridge where the housing developments currently taking place there will superimpose their own impact.

I hope the Leeds City Council would now realise that they should re-think the above plans and work out some other more acceptable proposals.

Regards,

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