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RE: LSAP & AVLAAP - FORMAL OBJECTIONS MADE DURING PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am taking time to write this letter to make you aware of the grave concerns I have regarding the plans to develop and build on the Rawdon and Horsforth Greenbelt sites:

- [if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->**HG2-41 (4240) - Fields South of A65 from Horsforth & Rawdon RA to crematorium**
- [if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->**HG2-42 (1016) - Fields at Broadway and Calverley Lane, Horsforth**
- [if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->**HG2-43 (5009) - Fields at Horsforth College Campus**

As a 28 year old I have been fortunate enough to grow up in the beautiful leafy Rawdon village. A brief move to Newcastle for University soon ended in my return to Rawdon to settle down, buy a home and marry

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As a couple we chose to return to Rawdon for its beautiful surrounding and easy access to Leeds city for work. We too hope to bring a family up in Rawdon and It is for this reason that I believe the proposed developments on our greenbelt protected land will have a serious negative impact on our standard of living and should be excluded from the plans.

Rawdon would no longer be an ideal place to raise a family and enjoy nature and country walks if the huge greenbelt developments are to go ahead.

Our specific objections are as follows:

- [if !supportLists]-->1. <!--[endif]-->**Inconsistent with National Planning Policy Framework:**

<!--[if !supportLists]--> I. <!--[endif]-->**INADEQUATE ENVIRONMENTAL
CONTSRAINT: NPPF** The current plans significantly exceed this capacity; resulting in the permanent destruction of greenbelt.

<!--[if !supportLists]--> II. <!--[endif]-->**NON-EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCE:** NPPF
The plans for build are not in any way exceptional about the plans to build. There are significant areas of brown belt that should be considered and allocated prior to resorting to this greenbelt area.

<!--[if !supportLists]--> III. <!--[endif]-->**PRIORITISATION OF GREENBELT OVER BROWN FIELD:** NPPF The brown belt should be favoured over the greenbelt sites.

<!--[if !supportLists]--> IV. <!--[endif]-->**LOSS OF COMMUNITY IDENTITY:** NPPF The huge development could cause a merge of identity between Rawdon Rodley and Horsforth

<!--[if !supportLists]--> V. <!--[endif]-->**LACK OF INFRASTRUCTRE:** NPPF This is where my huge concerns lie. Where will our children go to school? How will we access limited health care? How will we provide sufficient jobs for those in the area?

--[if !supportLists]-->**2. <!--[endif]-->Inconsistent with Leeds Development Plan Policies:**

<!--[if !supportLists]--> I. <!--[endif]-->**LACK OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING:**
Regeneration is needed, not expensive housing that will stand empty with asking prices of over £300k for a family home given the affluent postcode.

<!--[if !supportLists]--> II. <!--[endif]-->**DENIAL OF HOUSING TARGET RE-ASSESSMENT NEED:** We must bring the build requirement into line with the latest 2014 figures (from the Office of National Statistics), which show a need of only 46,000 new homes.

<!--[if !supportLists]--> III. <!--[endif]-->**DELAYING OF HOUSING TARGET RE-ASSESSMENT NEED:** In order to prevent the unnecessary permanent destruction of greenbelt, the current plan to re-assess the housing target needs to be put in place before the site allocation plans are progressed, and not after them as currently planned.

--[if !supportLists]-->**3. <!--[endif]-->Negative Impact on Highway Safety and Traffic:**

<!--[if !supportLists]--> I. <!--[endif]-->**COMPROMISING ON SAFETY:** Travelling from Rawdon to Leeds city for work by car would become impossible. With a already ridiculously congested Ring Road and the A65.

<!--[if !supportLists]--> II. <!--[endif]-->**INABILITY TO COPE WITH TRAFFIC:** The adjoining section of Ring Road (A6120) leading out of the areas of the three sites named above is bottlenecked between three separate single lane bridges (one railway, one canal and one river). Therefore the ability of these sites to accommodate over 1,000 extra houses must be limited in line with the ability to deliver proper infrastructure to serve them.

--[if !supportLists]-->**4. <!--[endif]-->Lack of Conservation of the Natural Environment:**

<!--[if !supportLists]--> I. <!--[endif]-->**DESTRUCTION OF HABITATS:** My husband and

I have been witness to an array of wildlife, beautiful deer are often seen on the sites. In addition we know they are home to newts, different species of bats, owls, hawks, wild deer, badgers and a huge array of wildlife that will perish as a result of the proposed development.

<!--[if !supportLists]--> II. <!--[endif]-->REMOVAL OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WITH COUNTRYSIDE: Site HG2-41 (4240) is used both as working agricultural land and also as Pick Your Own fruit fields. Since I was a child we have picked fruit at the seasoned pick your own fruit fields, something I hope one day to be able to take my children. I too also hope to be able to enjoy evening walks past Airedale and into woodlands through the beautiful countryside, and share this with family for years to come.

--[if !supportLists]-->5. <!--[endif]-->**Negative Effect on the Landscape:**

<!--[if !supportLists]--> I. <!--[endif]-->DESTRUCTION OF NATURAL VIEWS: This would be catastrophic The combined fields comprising site HG2-41 (4240) is an integral part of the landscape of Horsforth and Rawdon.

I strongly hope that on these grounds you are able to act on our behalf and reject the progression of these greenbelt sites within the development proposals.

Please keep me informed of the public examinations, submission of the plans and potential outcome of the review.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Katie Marshall