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To: [Site Allocations Plan](#)
Subject: PDE03228_Site Allocation Plan - SITE HG2-12(4254)
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to strongly object to the proposed development of: **SITE HG2-12(4254) WOODLANDS DRIVE, RAWDON, WHICH IS CURRENTLY ALLOCATED FOR 130 HOUSES.**

I grew up in Rawdon, living on Southlands Avenue, and have many happy memories (like others who grew up here), playing in this quiet cul-de-sac, and exploring the local woodlands. The proposed development will substantially alter the character of the place and beyond this is simply not justified on the grounds of both need and capacity.

Is there really a need for the level of house building, which Leeds City Council out of date plans suggest is required? There must be some doubts about the accuracy of a report from 2008, but rather than reviewing these estimates the Council prefers to plow ahead, regardless of the concerns of the city's residents.

In choosing the Rawdon/Horsforth area for house building, the Council has failed to consider whether the wider infrastructure is fit for purpose. Already schools are over-subscribed, the morning traffic on the A65 a nightmare and Doctors and Dentists busy. Focusing more specifically on the Woodlands Drive site, what thought has there been to how this will link up with the rest of Rawdon. Knott Lane is earmarked as the main access road, but already has substantial traffic, due to being the only exit from Rawdon Crematorium.

Building on greenbelt land should never be the first option, but it seems that Leeds City Council is happy to ignore the plentiful brownfield land, and/or existing empty housing in the city. Yes, working on this land may be more expensive for the developers, but Leeds City Council's duty is supposed to be to the people of the city, as opposed to helping these companies make an easier buck. The Woodlands Drive area has much biodiversity, which will be damaged by the proposed works and yet this seems to have been of little, if any, consideration.

I hope that in conducting this consultation Leeds City Council will listen to the concerns of people who actually know and love the areas, which their plans will impact upon. In doing so, it is to be hoped that greater consideration is given to our fully justified concerns about the damage building on this site will do.

Please accept this email as my full objection to the development of HG2-12, which I would like to be taken into account by the Planning Inspector.

Kind regards,

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