

**From:** [Sarah](#)  
**To:** [Site Allocations Plan](#)  
**Subject:** PDE03251\_Housing Plans - Horsforth and Rawdon  
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Dear Sirs

Re: HG2-41, HG2-12, HG3-2, HG3-3 and HG3-4

I am writing to voice my concerns over the proposed housing plans for the above named sites in the Horsforth and Rawdon area. I previously wrote during the first consultation period but feel so strongly about the matter that I want to ensure my views are heard.

I moved into Layton Lane 5 years ago and not only fell in love with the house I bought but also the Rawdon area, mainly due to the small village feel, local community and wide open green areas. With the housing plans you have in place, I feel this is going to completely change the area and take away the majority of reasons why I chose to buy my family home here.

I work in Leeds city centre and the commute in previous years has always been an easy one if I set off early to avoid traffic. However in recent times, the same journey is now horrendous due to the sheer amount of traffic mainly on the A65, which also affects other routes as people try to avoid the A65 congestion. On numerous occasions, it has taken me close to 30 minutes to travel from the bottom of Layton Lane to Horsforth roundabout so I am really struggling to understand how building hundreds more houses will not bring the area to a complete stand still. There is just not the infrastructure to support such large developments. I therefore think it would be prudent of any decision maker to endure the roads around Horsforth and Rawdon, especially at rush hour, to understand at present how much time is wasted in standing traffic and how introducing more houses will cause immense problems especially now that an average household owns two cars. As well as the obvious issues with the increase in traffic including congestion and environmental pollution, it will also adversely impact resident safety and be a greater danger for current children living in the area.

In addition to the severe traffic and congestion issues, I have great concerns over the welfare of my family and our future in the area. I have recently become a first time mother and another key reason I was attracted to Rawdon/Horsforth was the green areas to raise my children around and more importantly the great schools. By building hundreds more houses, the countryside, its wildlife & conservation areas will be lost forever and the additional proposed residents will put immense strain on already over populated schools and services. As I am passionate about where we live and the local area, I became a school governor at a local primary school when I first moved so know first hand how much pressure local schools are under to find spaces as it is, with many already having to introduce double intake years. Therefore introducing even more children into the area is just not appropriate or sustainable.

I know you will have already reviewed all the formal rejection details which I too completely support including the council's flaws in assessing the proposed sites and unacceptable review process, unsatisfactory highway access, increased flood risks, not utilising available brownfield sites in the first instance, to name a few, but I was keen to write to you from a personal view point. I am certainly not alone when I am genuinely concerned about the huge negative impacts these new developments will have on me and my family.

I understand the pressure the council is under to find appropriate and increased housing but the areas and vast number of houses proposed around Horsforth and Rawdon is not effective, justified or acceptable based on the points I have raised above.

Yours faithfully

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Sent from my iPhone