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I object to the following plans around Rawdon and Horsforth:

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I have several reasons for objecting:

1. The road system is already overcrowded in the area. My husband and I have to travel the A65 up to four times a day to get to and from our jobs. Since the works have been completed on the Horsforth ring road roundabout it now takes longer. More housing developments will only make this even worse.
2. I am wondering if the erection of the Horsforth roundabout has been evaluated against the "improvements" in our traffic system. If so I would be very happy to see the findings of this audit as I do not feel this has improved and have experienced more traffic building up on parallel roads in order to try and avoid the roundabout traffic.
3. I note that even when Apperley Bridge train station opens which my husband hopes to use to avoid the roads during his first shift. I on the other hand work at St James Hospital so public transport takes just as long as driving my car to work. The traffic is already stationary every morning from the top of Warm Lane from 7.30, so I expect even that short half mile journey is going to take at least 15 minutes (rather than 2 mins). There's also a housing development at the bottom of Apperley Lane which will undoubtedly cause further congestion.

4. There is no obvious benefit of these developments to the local community, and they will cause inconvenience to residents, businesses and schools alike. I'm not aware of adequate consultation with local residents etc having been made.
5. One of the attractions of living in the Horsforth/Rawdon area is the green space around. The greenbelt seems to be completely disappearing with these proposals, and it is now becoming an urban sprawl. I have already had the experience of development in a field behind my property.
6. Local primary and secondary schools are all full.
7. Doctors and dentists are also full.
8. These developments don't appear to bring any employment opportunities post build, so local job prospects will be worsened by increasing housing. (The absence of local employment will exacerbate the traffic issues as residents will need to commute.)
9. There are practically no council run community facilities for young people in the area. The limited number of private facilities that are available are at maximum capacity due to high demand.
10. I would also expect crime rates to worsen in the absence of anything for young people to do.
11. Police and council services in the area have been cut back and reduced, so the introduction of more residents will further worsen the impact of these reductions.
12. There must be other areas of Leeds that more obviously lend themselves to new housing developments. Where regeneration is more urgently needed, where previous buildings already demolished, where there is capacity to service residents with schooling, doctors, dentists, etc, hence also creating job opportunities for those residents.

I sincerely hope you take this and other objections seriously, as the impacts of all these planning applications are far-reaching and will genuinely deteriorate the quality of life of current residents in the area, and won't deliver satisfactory quality of life to those moving to the area, for all those reasons set out above.

Kind regards
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