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I am writing to you because of my very grave concerns about the proposed housing development on green belt land in Horsforth.

I have lived in Horsforth for 49 years and at the above address for 45 years. Throughout this period there has been a gradual erosion of Green Belt land. However the present proposals dwarf what has happened over this period. The original (and recently confirmed) national requirement was that the green belt could only be encroached on in pretty extreme circumstances, and in this respect the country has benefited enormously from this policy.

What I find very difficult to understand is

(1) Why has Leeds offered to provide about 70,000 of the national target of 700,000. This is grossly in excess of a proportionate amount

(2) Why is this burden on being placed on the Horsforth green belt before other (non-green belt) options have been exhausted ?. Without knowing the exact rationale, it looks as though only sites attractive to the developers have been identified. Is the real motive therefore to support the activity (and profits ) of this industry?

I do think the plans for Horsforth do not adhere to the strict guidelines appropriate to any Green Belt Landscape, and are also not justified on any proportionate response to the National target total

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