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Dear Sir / Madam

I feel a definite strong necessity to object to all your plans to build on our Green Belt Land in our area. These include the HG2-41 Fields South of the A65 (Horsforth Roundabout to crematorium), HG2 -42 Fields (at Broadway and Calverley Lane, Horsforth) HG2-43 Fields (at Horsforth College Campus) HG2-Fields (at Woodlands Drive, Rawdon) HG3-2, HG3-3 and HG3-4 Fields (off A65, Rawdon)

Having lived around this area for 52 years since being a child, I have a strong love of the area. Unfortunately I have seen a distinct deterioration of the area due to the amount of new buildings that have been included in various plots, already taking away walkways and wildlife habitats.

I am proud that this is an area surrounded by great green belt areas meaning good walks to show our children examples of wildlife within easy reach of our schools and our own houses. Even Swedish students who stay with us at certain times of the year have always commented on the clarity and views between villages. Both I as a child, then my own children have been able to walk and see wildlife including foxes, wild rabbits, birds in the fields and deer in the woods nearby. Also we have had the pleasure of watching sheep, cows and horses throughout the breeding seasons and then following year. Please do not remove those wonderful areas.

As a non driver suffering with epilepsy, that has been an advantage to my living in this area, being able to walk with my children husband and dog to feel a certain amount of freedom. I feel that taking away the farmers fields surrounding these areas is taking part of my freedom. Plus as we are trying to encourage our children to lose weight for good health in the future, taking away our obvious cheap walkways is not consistent with Health Authority suggestions.

On research it appears that these proposals for development sites are not consistent with the national policy, so can you explain how these sites are being proposed.

The increase in housing in this area surely can only be to a disadvantage, as doctors, dentists and schools are already overflowing and as most households are two car owners at least in the area, the roads will certainly be far worse. The roundabout at Horsforth, the ring road to Rodley and roundabout at Owlcoates is now as full at all parts of the daytime as I remember at rush hour about 20 years ago. And most people are finding it taking twice as long to get home from work. Local roads are used as 'rat runs', making us nervous around the area for our children being unable to play out safely.

Taking all these things in, I hope you will oppose the idea for further building on ours and future children's greenbelt area, keeping this a safe, beautiful and easy breathing (lower car emission) situation

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Karen P Maynard