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Dear sirs,


I am writing to make my feelings known about the proposed plans to use the Green Belt land around the Rawdon/Horsforth/Yeadon area for housing. I oppose the plans on the basis of both the need to protect the green areas that make North Leeds a great place to live and raise my kids in but also I believe the proposals contravene planning laws and Leeds' Core Strategy.

None of the proposed sites directly affect where I live, so this letter is not purely a NIMBY style "build the houses but not in my garden" rant, I do not believe it is the right thing to do and do not feel all of the available options of brown belt land have been fully explored. Paragraph 80 of the NPPF states that Green Belt serves to "assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and urban land" – I feel this principle has been completely ignored when the site proposals have been drawn up.

I also understand that the site allocation is inconsistent with Leeds' own established policy, the Leeds Core Strategy (paragraph 4.11) includes a map of Leeds Green Belt, some of the proposed build sites are within this Greenbelt land. The strategy states, within the glossary, that Green Belt should remain "permanently open or largely undeveloped" – the building of all of these houses will go against this.

Finally, I believe Leeds' city council's target of new houses by 2028 is in excess of the number of houses that are needed. The 2011 census shows population is only expected to grow by 64,000 by 2028, Leeds council are planning to build 70,000 new houses – this is far beyond the number of houses that would be needed to support 64,000 people.

Yours faithfully,

 Dan Barrett