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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Green Belt development in Horsforth and Rawdon**

I refer to the recently published site allocations for building at the following sites:

- HG2-41 Fields south of A65, Horsforth roundabout to Rawdon crematorium
- HG2-42 Fields at Broadway and Calverley Lane, Horsforth
- HG2-43 Fields at Horsforth College campus
- HG2-12 Fields at Woodlands Drive, Rawdon
- HG3-2, HG3-3 and HG3-4 Fields off A65 Rawdon

I note that all these sites are designated as 'Greenbelt' and I therefore question why these sites have been selected as suitable for building on, especially when the proposal to include these sites in the Local Plan is not consistent with national policy.

I have lived in Horsforth for over 35 years and have always enjoyed the open spaces created by these fields and the way they separate Horsforth and Rawdon. In particular I frequently use the footpaths between the A65 and the canal for exercise and this resource would no doubt disappear with any development. Building on these sites would merge the two communities of Horsforth and Rawdon and create an unbroken urban sprawl along the A65.

Additionally have the proposed improvements in access to Leeds/Bradford airport via the A65 been taken into consideration? The increase in traffic this will cause, combined with the undoubted additional traffic created by the potential building developments, will overload an already busy road. More alterations to the Leeds ring road and the A65 will be needed, causing even more congestion.

Please consider the overall impact any developments would have, particularly on schools and public transport, both of which are already under strain due to the increase in population and lack of investment

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Crowe