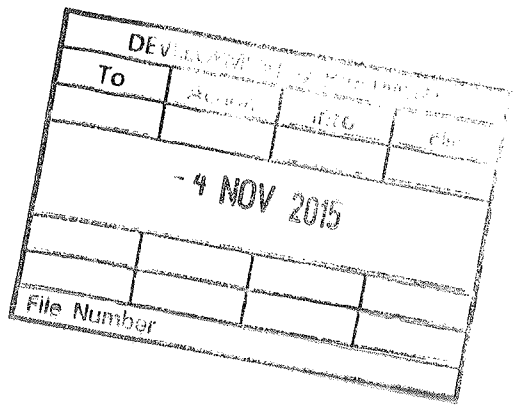


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Dear Sirs

OBJECTION TO HORSFORTH GREEN BELT DEVELOPMENTS

I wish to place on record my objection to housing developments in Horsforth. This is in response to the Leeds Site Allocation Plans.

- I refer to Site Nos. HG2-41 Fields South of A65, Horsforth Roundabout to the crematorium.
- HG2-42 Fields at Broadway & Calverley Lane, Horsforth.
- HG2-43 Fields at Horsforth College Campus.
- HG2-12 Fields at Woodlands Drive, Rawdon.
- HG3-2, HG3-3, HG3-4 Fields off A65 Rawdon.

According to the National Planning Policy Framework, green belt land is to be protected yet the above sites are designated green belt land. Green belt land should not be used for new housing developments. The Leeds Core Strategy even refers to maximising recycled, developed land and aims to minimise greenfield and green belt release. At the very least, brown sites should be developed as surely these will already have permission for development. What about all the empty houses in and around Leeds that could be renovated and put to good use as "affordable" housing?

I have lived in Horsforth for 55 years and so I feel I know the area very well. We don't have a great deal of public amenities so our parks and recreational sites are extremely important. It is a very busy town and the A65 corridor into Leeds is a huge transportation problem. The development of the above sites will significantly add to current bottleneck problems and even more so if developments in Aireborough proceed.

Horsforth is recognised as a popular place to live and needs its own identity. If the above developments go ahead, we will merge with other areas and lose this individuality/identity – this goes against the green belt strategy.

I am 66 years old and must object to these developments, not only for myself but for residents and their families in the years to come. Horsforth has expanded greatly over my lifetime and there comes a point where developments can go too far and I feel that this stage is now reached.

Please let us continue to enjoy the local environment for our health and well being.

Yours faithfully

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