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Dear Sirs

DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT			
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**RE: Leeds City Council Site Allocations – Rawdon, Horsforth Housing proposals: In particular Areas:-**  
**HG2-12, 130 Houses - Woodland Drive Rawdon,**  
**HG3-3, 35 Houses – Knott Lane East,**  
**HG3-2, 81 Houses – Land West of Knott Lane**  
**HG3-4, 130 Houses - Layton Lane, Rawdon**  
**HG2-41, 777 houses & 1 school - South of A65**

I refer to the above matter and wish to object most strongly to these proposals

I realise housing is required and it is not that we object to it "in my backyard", but these Green Belt areas all require access to Leeds Road the A65. This road is already well over reasonable capacity during normal hours, and a total nightmare during peak hours, but with the addition of Kirkstall and Apperley Bridge railway stations opening shortly it will become even more gridlocked without the addition of over 1053 new houses (at the moment) all requiring access to the A65 at peak times.

Over the past few years, with the demolition of the Silver Cross Pram factory in Guiseley, many new houses have been built already on this busy road, also Crompton Parkinson's Factory has a massive new Estate which again flows into the A65. In Menston the old High Royds site has had hundreds of houses built already, and there is still more development going on at present with the Chevin Park site.

This road (A65) is the main road from Skipton, Ilkley, Harrogate & Otley, to both Leeds and Bradford, the chaos in both the morning, & evening rush hour is unbelievable. It has already become necessary for the Horsforth and Rodley Roundabouts to be altered to accommodate the present level of chaos; I cannot imagine how building 777 houses on HG2-41 site (South of A65) can possibly be justified in view of this situation.

Moreover, how are Horsforth, Rawdon & Guiseley supposed to absorb the sheer number of people who will require Doctors, Dentists, schools, services etc that these new houses will bring to the area. Already the Health Centres have had to extend their hours during the week and are now having to have surgeries on Saturdays and Sundays, and many Doctors have left the area as the work load is too much, the schools in the area have classes far larger than is ideal, there is nowhere in Yeadon or Guiseley to park for local shopping, except Morrisons Supermarkets, who do not allow parking except for their customers, with further development the situation can only get worse thus killing off the remaining retail businesses serving these areas. Has any consideration been given to, or plans been prepared, or justified for the amount of load these extra properties would put on the power supply, water requirements, drainage, sewage & Garbage removal.

In consideration of your complete disregard to the previous planning decisions, and their protection of our heritage, and areas for recreation and wildlife not to mention stress on the roads, these plans will just turn Horsforth, Rawdon, Guiseley and Menston into one big urban sprawl, and your attitude towards previous planning is totally insufferable and unacceptable. The reason areas were designated Green Belt was so that future planners (like yourselves) could not ride rough shod over the health and welfare of the people of the Leeds area. This is totally inconsistent with the Government's National Policy as set out in: section 9, paragraph 79 & 80 of "Protecting Green Belt Land". In paragraph 87 it states that Green Belt Land should only be approved in "exceptional circumstances", how can extra housing in an already oversubscribed area be called "exceptional circumstances?"

In conclusion to all the above I cannot imagine why as town planners you are even considering all this building, it must be obvious even to you that the infrastructure of this particular part of Leeds is already overstretched and that these plans are not justifiable or even viable, and we think it is very irresponsible of you to even consider them.

Yours faithfully

Mr & Mrs Alexander Rogers