



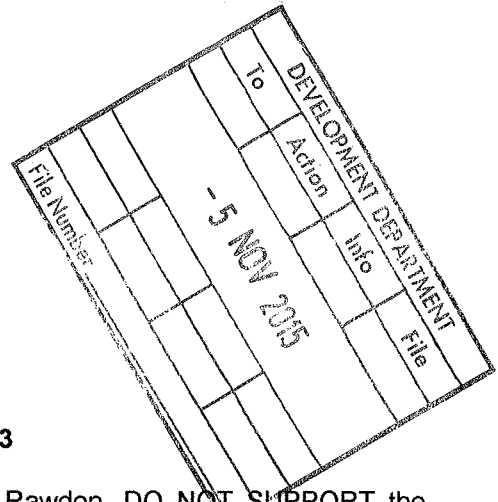
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Dear Sirs

Site Ref: HG2 – 12, HG2 – 41, HG3 – 4, HG3 – 2, HG3 – 3



I am writing to make it known that I, as a resident of Rawdon, **DO NOT SUPPORT** the proposed development of the Horsforth/Rawdon Green Belt. **IT IS NOT JUSTIFIED.**

I understand the figure of 70,000 new homes is far in excess of what is required and is not based on current figures. In 2014 my council tax paid specialist to verify your figures. Their revised target figure based on the 2011 Census and ONS projections would mean the city needs only 45,000 homes. If 15,000 were removed from the plans it would remove the need to use any Green Belt land. The NPPF states in paragraph 153 that each local planning authority can review its plans and "respond flexibly to changing circumstances". These figures prove a need to change the projected numbers and I suggest that your figure of 70,000 should be revised.

This proposed development is also totally inconsistent with national policy which states Green Belt development should only be allowed in "exceptional circumstance" (NPPF paragraph 83). Has this been proved by the council? Is development on green belt for the convenience of builders? Building in these areas should not even be considered until all other options of brown field, empty buildings etc have been developed. If this were to happen there would be no need to develop Green Belt in this area.

The current new housing in our area is not new starter homes or homes suitable for downsizing. The development of the Clarion site is predominantly large detached properties. The result of which will be at least 1000 extra vehicles in our already totally congested area. The carbon emissions resulting from this and the destruction of green space (the lungs of our city) is not acceptable. It is well recorded that green spaces are scientifically proven to relax weary minds and provide spaces to escape from cramped work places cars etc. This proposed destruction of our Green Belt is not acceptable and inconsistent with NPPF chapter 11. We need to protect the biodiversity of our environment for the future of our children

In your role as councillors you have a **duty of care for the citizens of our city** and the health of its inhabitants, not only the people of Rawdon/ Horsforth . Removing the trees and green space will be detrimental to all.

Have you **really** considered the impact on this area – schools, infrastructure community consultation prior to land allocation? It would seem the Council's planning is flawed in many areas.

Elizabeth Key