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Dear Sirs

DEVELOPMENT SITE ALLOCATIONS

We wish to object to Leeds City Council's proposals for housing development that are currently out for consultation.

As residents of Rawdon, we are particularly concerned about the following sites:

- HG2-12 – Fields at Woodlands Drive, Rawdon**
- HG3-2, HG3-3, HG3-4 – Fields off the A65, Rawdon**
- HG2-41 – Fields south of the A65, Horsforth Roundabout to the Crematorium**
- HG2-43 – Fields at Horsforth College Campus**

This is all Green Belt Land: the fundamental aim of Green Belt policy is to prevent urban sprawl by keeping land permanently open, and to assist urban regeneration by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land.

We believe that the use of large sections of local Green Belt and disregarding the recycling of derelict land for housing is NOT consistent with the National Planning Policy Framework.

These areas are important to us as pleasant green spaces where we can enjoy walking, thereby getting the exercise we need to maintain a healthy lifestyle. There is also the effect on wildlife to consider: we all have a duty to protect their habitat and environment, and these housing proposals will decimate large areas of such habitat with detrimental effect on some endangered species.

Finally, there is the effect on local infrastructure and services that this proposed development would have. The A65 is already at capacity at certain times of the day from Guiseley (where extensive new housing development has already taken place) all the way through to Leeds. Has any thought whatsoever been given to the extra traffic further housing development would generate? How will the already overburdened GP practices cope? What effect would the building of 1359 new homes on the above mentioned sites have on the utility services?

We ask that serious consideration be given to our objections to these ill-thought out proposals.

Yours faithfully

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