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Dear Sir or Madam,

**RE: RAWDON & HORSFORTH GREEN BELT**

At our home we have received literature telling us of the Leeds City Council Site Allocation Consultation, which I would like to comment on.

By the reading, it would seem that the statistics used in the calculation of the number of houses needed are way out of date and I would hope that the latest figures, which indicate a smaller increase, should be used. This variation would show that 25,000 less houses would be needed than the 70,000 quoted.

I have lived in the old 'Aireborough' area of the city all my life, the last fifty five years in Rawdon, and have always had good access to the countryside at Moor Lane, Guiseley and various areas of Rawdon/Horsforth where both my daughters and six grandchildren live also. I would therefore like to enter a plea that these green belt areas be maintained, for the pleasure, health and well-being of all ages.

I note that the NPPF stresses the fact that green belt land should be maintained as -

It checks the unrestricted sprawl of large build-up areas

Prevents neighbouring towns merging into one another

Assists in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment

Preserves the setting and special character of historic towns

Assists in urban regeneration by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land

Please, Leeds City Council, look for brownfield sites, or land reclamation, ignore the green belt sites at HG2-41, HG2-10, HG3-2, HG3-3, HG3-4, HG2-12, HG2-43 and HG2-42 and keep our countryside safe!

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Sir or Madam,

**RE: FORWARD PLANNING FOR HORSFORTH AND THE 'OLD AIREBOROUGH'**

Having attended Rawdon Parish Council meeting in Greenacre Hall a while ago, I write to express my concern and horror at the proposals to build so many houses on our beloved greenbelt land in the area and to ask that hopefully other areas of land and brownfield sites be used instead.

The first thing I would like to question is the actual number of houses proposed (70,000) by 2028. I am sure that by figures heard on a news programme that that must be very high and that the expected population figures have now been significantly reduced, which logic tells me should reduce the number of homes required.

The second point I would like to raise, is to question what regard has been paid to the NPPF policy of protecting Green Belt land. In the document permanence is supposed to be given to restrict urban sprawl of large built up areas, stop neighbouring towns and villages merging, safe guard the country side and preserve the special character of the individual areas.

As a person who was born in Yeadon, brought up in Guiseley and lived in Rawdon since getting married (55 years ago) I feel I know the area well and appreciate the beautiful and attractive landscape. I also have a married daughter living in Rawdon, the other one in Horsforth between them six grandchildren. I know from experience that Horsforth is quite different township to Rawdon and feel the individuality of each would be spoilt by the plans. Therefore to me the individual sites HG2-41 and HG2-43 are totally against the NPPF policy. Thinking further forward, I object to the plans for these sites simply because it is suggested that a road to the airport may be coming in the area and it is just not logical to build so many houses with this project pending. Neither would it be suitable to build houses on site HG2-43 as I am sure the updated roundabout would be inadequate. In fact on the last two occasions I have been coming from Leeds, the queue along the A65 stretched once to the crematorium, the second as far as the Chase, Rawdon!

Please on behalf of the citizens of Rawdon, Yeadon, Guiseley and Horsforth could I ask you to change the plans to go against things we hold dear in our area and reconsider all this development on our greenbelt land in accordance with government instructions.

Yours sincerely,

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