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Dear Sir,

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

GREEN BELT IS GREEN BELT and should remain as such.

**I wish to strongly object to the proposed plans to build on the above sites.
Using so much GREEN BELT is NOT justified and NOT effective.**

I moved to Rawdon 13 years ago. I liked the village feel Rawdon had to offer me. I enjoy walking and nature and have enjoyed many happy hours exploring the area and open spaces. I have seen deer, many unusual woodland birds plus wild flowers. The sites contain mature woodland and many mature beautiful trees. What will happen to the historic Cragg Wood Conservation Area? Any future generations will never experience the open space and wildlife which will be harmed and disappear forever. That is a great shame and criminal. The fields are agricultural land that has been well managed for several generations. Income and jobs will be lost. Leeds City Council and Developers have total disregard for the local character. If Leeds City Council and developers have their way the area will be destroyed forever.

Had I wanted to live in a large built up area I would have bought such a property closer to the City. It is criminal that the open space will be taken away by thoughtlessness, bad planning and greed.

Leeds City Council say they are an environmentally friendly Council – with this proposed development how can you believe this?

Whilst Rawdon has had very little manufacturing in the past, where this was substantial housing has already developed.

The impact on the environment will be enormous. Not only with any construction work that will take place but with people flooding the area once any developments have been completed.

The above proposed developments are set to create an urban sprawl and the merging of Rawdon with Horsforth. The identity of Rawdon will be gone forever. This is totally unacceptable. Nothing is mentioned about infrastructure or the pollution this will cause.

The present infrastructure cannot cope as it is. Whilst improvements at Horsforth roundabout are long overdue it has not decreased the volume of traffic and these will have been a total waste of money and a disaster with so much extra traffic on the A65 and Ring Road. Traffic not only from any Rawdon developments but from completed and future developments further a field in Yeadon, Guiseley, Menston and surrounding areas. Has Leeds City Council worked with Bradford Council to look at joint plans for bordering towns and villages?

Access issues onto the already congested A65 will cause chaos.

Not only will the roads not cope with extra the traffic, what about the schools, nurseries, Drs. Surgeries etc? All of which are already over subscribed.

Do not forget the large development under construction at the Clariant/Riverside site, which will cause extra chaos on the Ring Road in Rodley and Horsforth which will have some impact on the A65

All the proposed planning is in the short term. The Council are not looking at the long term affect this is going to have on the whole area. It is so short sighted.

A target has been set by Leeds City Council for 70,000 new houses to be built by 2028. Just how do they arrive at this figure? It is not realistic and the figures should be looked at again in accordance with Section 1.8 The Core Strategy. I do not believe the plan is consistent with national policy and should be looked at again as a reduction would remove any need to take greenbelt. How many brown sites in the City have been looked at? Have all the empty houses in Leeds been looked at and considered? Have these been ignored due to the cost of developing them. I understand a lot cheaper to build on greenbelt!! This is so wrong.

The whole plan is unsound and I do not believe the above proposed development plans have been positively prepared.

Quite frankly Leeds City Council appear totally disorganised in their way of thinking for the future.

Once again I re-iterate I strongly object to the proposed development on GREENBELT.

Yours faithfully

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Copies to :
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