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Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to bring to your attention my objections to Leeds City Council plans for housing development on Green Belt land in the Horsforth/Rawdon area. Not only is it a generally accepted belief that Green Belt land merits protection from such development, but to use the Green Belt in the way proposed in the local Plan is not consistent with national policy nor with Leeds Core Strategy. Neither does this proposal seem justified when alternative brownfield is available.

In particular I object to sites HG2-41, HG2-43, HG2-12 and HG3-2, HG3-3 and HG3-4. My main concerns about the proposals include the fact that Horsforth and Rawdon would no longer be distinct settlements but would merge, losing their own specific identity; and the increase in housing would greatly increase traffic within the area (already a problem) as well as putting a huge strain on current resources (schools, doctors' surgeries, etc). I worry, too, that Leeds City Council has relied on the use of out-dated statistical information when drawing up the plans.

On a personal basis, the above-named Green Belt areas have provided myself and my family with much pleasure over the years in terms of the flora and fauna they support. For example, I have frequently seen deer in the Green Belt region alongside the A65, and many bird species frequent the area. In more recent years, we have been privileged to see Red Kites regularly in this area, this species having been re-introduced to parts of England through the work and efforts of conservationists. It would seem a great pity for Leeds City Council, which is so aware of environmental issues, to be seen to be greatly reducing the natural habitats of so many different and fascinating species. I believe the members of Leeds City Council would rather be remembered in the future as those who stood to preserve the Green Belt for its citizens and for the benefit of the wildlife we are so fortunate to have, in this part of the world.

Thank you for your time and consideration of these matters,

Yours faithfully,