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6th Nov 2015

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write to let the council know of my utter opposition to the use of "Green Belt" for their housing development plans, specifically I object strongly to the following proposed sites:

HG2-11; HG2-41; HG2-42; HG2-43; HG2-12; HG3-2; HG3-3; HG3-4; HG2-10

As a school pupil drawing maps in Geography lessons, I was used to putting a large solid coloured "blob" to show the "West Yorkshire Conurbation". It covered a large area comprising of Wakefield-Castleford-Leeds-Bradford-Halifax-Huddersfield; a big single solid blot on the map!

But, on the ground, it is not like that at all. The urban spread is "moderated" by the wise inclusion of Green Belt. Green belt is put there to stop urban sprawl merging different communities into one massive one, and it is supposedly permanent, and protected. I want Leeds to keep it that way. There is no need for it to be used for housing.

Specifically, green belt keeps Horsforth separate and distinct from Rawdon; and Rawdon, from Guiseley and so on. I wish the council to keep it that way.

I question the estimate of future housing need, and I point to the slow development of brownfield sites. It took a very long time to get the Kirkstall forge site, and the old Sandoz site developed.

I urge the council to use such brownfield sites and seek out others, for proposed future housing.

Leeds is a pleasant place to live precisely because it has greenbelt. Do NOT use it for building.

If you start in the centre of Leeds, and working outwards, fill in everywhere that is green with houses, you will get a "Leeds" that is not a pleasant place to live in. In fact it will become a wasteland like Greater Manchester.

Yours in protest,

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