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Dear Sirs

For the reasons listed below, I am writing to object to the proposed housing developments on greenbelt and green field sites referenced HG2-12, HG3-2, HG3-3, HG3-4, HG2-41 and HG2-43.

1. I was unaware of the consultation period until I was made aware of it by local groups. I was also unaware of a previous consultation period in 2013. The lack of communication is not democratic.
2. The suggestion that there is a requirement for 70,000 additional houses in Leeds by 2028 is based on O.N.S. figures which are out of date and revised statistics from the O.N.S. give a projected population growth for Leeds of 46,000 by the year 2028.
3. There are numerous brown field sites and empty properties within the Leeds area which should be developed before any greenbelt or green field sites are considered. Developers should have to utilise the brown field sites first, despite the impact on their profits due to higher costs.
4. All the Rawdon and Horsforth sites listed above are in a special landscape area.
5. I understand that government policy is that greenbelt and green field sites should only be developed in exceptional circumstances. Leeds City council proposes their use to grow the city, but I believe that growth does not qualify as an exceptional circumstance.
6. The recent developments of brown field sites in the area has resulted in approximately 2,000 additional houses in Guiseley and there is a further development of over 500 houses in progress in Horsforth. The area has therefore already had a very significant level of development resulting in local roads being heavily congested and leading to a shortage of school places, doctors and dentists.
7. The proposed developments would result in each of the local villages being merged together in an urban sprawl, totally destroying the individual character of each. In my opinion the character of each separate community should be retained for the benefit of future generations.

Yours faithfully

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