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DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT			
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Dear Sirs,

As a life long resident of the area, having lived firstly in Horsforth and now in Rawdon and having always appreciated the green fields and beautiful surrounding environment, I am writing to object to the proposed housing developments with the references HG2-12,HG3-2,HG3-3,HG3-4HG2-41 ANDHG2-43. My grounds for my objection are as follow:-

- 1.I was completely ignorant of the consultation period until it was raised and discussed at a meeting of our local history group in Rawdon library. There has been a lack of proper communication on the part of Leeds City council when such significant changes to the area are being proposed.
2. The 70,000 new houses which the council propose to build in Leeds are based on O.N.S. figures which are out of date as later figures show a population growth of 46,000 up to the year 2028.
3. In my opinion brown field sites and empty properties within the Leeds boundary should be utilised before any development of greenbelt and green field sites is considered. These should only be considered in exceptional circumstances – once they have gone they are lost forever.
4. These sites in Horsforth and Rawdon are in areas of natural beauty which are enjoyed by residents of Leeds and contribute to Leeds being known as a “green city”. They are also wild life habitats.
- 5.In neighbouring Guiseley recent developments of brown field sites have resulted in an additional 2,000 houses, giving a significant increase in the volume of traffic on the A65 and contributing to a shortage of school places and doctors . Horsforth is in a similar situation with an ongoing development over 500 houses.
6. These proposed developments will destroy the unique character of each village, resulting in urban sprawl and impacting on the quality of life of future generations of Leeds residents.

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