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Horsforth
Leeds LS18 4SS
9-11-15

Dear Sir

I am writing to object to the plans to build on the following sites between Horsforth and Rawdon:-

HQ2-12(4254), HQ2-41(4240), HQ2-42(1016), HQ2-43(5009), HQ3-2,3 & 4.

These sites are all greenbelt or conservation areas & this goes against National & Local Government Policies.

Personally I would hate to see all our green fields going, as these are the only corridors for our wildlife such as deer (only last week I saw three on field HQ2-41), badgers, bats, rabbits, foxes squirrels & numerous birds. They make a link to the River Aire Valley, & we need some areas of nature & beauty for our health & wellbeing, eg. walking, bird watching, cycling.

HQ2-41 continues right up to Horsforth Crematorium, HQ2-43 is also next to Horsforth Cemetery, which are places for peace & reflection, & don't want to be surrounded by huge housing estates with problems of everyday living (volume of noisy cars, children etc) I have numerous relatives in the cemetery & memorials at the Crematorium; I find comfort & peace visiting these sites, but would find it unsettling & disturbing (also the wildlife) if there was constant noise.

I enjoy outdoor pursuits walking locally in the area, for over 60 years (starting with my parents) seeing the seasons change, blackberry picking, gathering pussy willow & catkins, identifying wild flowers. It is a cheap & practical way to exercise & promote family life. Everyone does not own a car to get to large National Parks, or the money for entrance fees & bus fares.

It would change the character of Horsforth & Rawdon as being separate villages, & eventually the area will be just part of Leeds; & the reasons we have so many holiday visitors to the area (its open spaces, natural beauty, small villages, history, ancient monuments) will all be lost if care & consideration in planning housing throughout our local (& all West Yorkshire) areas.

The A65 is very congested, even with the traffic lights on the A65 Broadway Roundabout, it only allows about four cars through from Leeds causing tailbacks. Imagine the congestion with about 1,100 extra cars, if only one per property. I have difficulty getting out of my street onto the A65 as it is.

The schools are full with extra classrooms already being used.

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To Summarize :-

- 1/ loss of green belt.
- 2/ loss of wildlife habitat
- 3/ loss of village identity - urban sprawl.
- 4/ loss of countryside - walks & activities
- 5/ Congestion on local roads - particularly A65
- 6/ Not enough local resources - schools, baby toddlers groups, youth clubs, extra police, bin collections etc.

I have always enjoyed living all my life in Harsforth for the easy accessibility to local fields, woods, lanes, canal streams & river; & hope that the character of Harsforth remains the same with the help of considerate planning.

Yours sincerely,