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Dear Sirs

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As a resident of Rawdon, Leeds I wish to share my objections regarding any development of the Green Belt and Green Field areas west of Leeds and in particular at the sites referred to above.

At a recent meeting concerning this issue where we were addressed by Rawdon Parish Councillors and Mr Stuart Andrew, M.P. it was made clear that the Leeds City Council plan to allow the building of 70,000 new homes by 2028. This is not commensurate with the requirements published following the 2011 Census; the ONS projections indicated that the city only needs 45,000 new homes by the said date. If the inflated figure of 70,000 is revised, as I believe it should be, the need to contravene Government directives regarding the preservation of Green Field land would be removed. Current Leeds City Council thinking is inconsistent with National Policy which states that Green Field development should only be allowed in 'exceptional circumstances' (NPPF paragraph 83). With a revised projection, the need to provide homes as detailed above is considerably reduced. The existence of other building options such as the development of the numerous brown field sites which appear to be available but which, I suspect, developers find less profitable, along with the adapting or upgrading of vacant buildings should be considered before robbing our city of the green areas in general but particularly those which separate Leeds and Bradford. With a corrected projection of the need to build and while other options remain I do not believe that 'exceptional circumstances' exist to support the developments.

There has been a suggestion that the negative impact on our local infrastructure should be considered irrelevant in this argument. However, I am so incensed by the traffic congestion, on the A65 which still remains intolerable in spite of recent investment (the Horsforth and Rodley round-a-bouts in particular), that I must express outrage that some elected representatives could even consider imposing the unimaginable chaos that the increases in traffic will bring if the developments go ahead! The resultant pollution, the loss of trees and green spaces and finally the inadequate medical and educational infrastructure available to cope with thousands of new residents render the plans short sighted and unacceptable.

Yours sincerely

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