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LDF Publication Draft Consultation,  
Forward Planning and Implementation,  
The Leonardo Building  
2 Rossington Street,  
Leeds LS2 8HD

Dear Sir,

**Leeds City Council Site Allocation Consultation, Rawdon**

The plan is unsound as it disagrees with the NPPF and contradicts Leeds own Core Strategy. I, therefore, put forward the following points for consideration, in respect of the planned developments affecting the Horsforth, Rawdon and Yeadon areas.

- **Brownfield sites** HG2 – 7:- I have no objection
- **Green field sites** HG2 –9, HG2–10, HG2-41, HG2-42 and HG2-43:- I object on the grounds that these are greenfield sites creating open space and boundaries between existing settlements, in direct contradiction of:
  - *Checking the unrestricted sprawl of built up areas.*
  - *Preventing neighbouring settlements, Yeadon, Rawdon and Horsforth, from merging together.*
  - *Safeguarding the encroachment of the countryside.*
- **Green Belt sites** HG3-2, HG3-3, HG3-4 and HG2-12 are shown as Strategic Green Infrastructure in Leeds Core Strategy. They are due for consideration for development post 2028, and I quote from your own document; Leeds Growth Strategy :
  - *3.2 The distinctive settlement pattern within the Leeds District will be maintained and its character enhanced, whilst providing for and supporting new housing growth opportunities. The main urban area of Leeds will support the diverse and distinctive communities that surround it, separated by agricultural land, woodland, valuable green spaces, habitats, and amenity areas.*

I object on the grounds that these proposed developments do not fulfil the intention quoted in 3.2.

Additionally -

- It would appear that most of the housing development is in Green Belt in phases 1 & 2, which indicates that they will be allocated irrevocably, by the time of any review. On 3 Feb 2105, a Government spokesman, Mr R Lewis, stated that authorities **cannot justify building on Green Belt to meet housing targets.**
- The current target of 70,000 is based on out of date figures (2008) and more recent statistics (2011) indicate a **population growth requiring 48,000.**
- There are 157 Brownfield sites across Leeds, not included in the plans, which could accommodate 247 000 houses, for which the Government has set aside substantial funding to aid development.
- I understand Horsforth Town Council, Rawdon Parish Council and Aireborough Neighbourhood Development Forum have not been consulted on the proposed plans.
- A recent LCC media statement said that there was a need for affordable housing. What provision and guarantee is there that first time buyers will be provided for in the Rawdon area?

In conclusion, current infrastructure along the A65 trunk route is inadequate in relation to provision of schools, doctors, dentists, the current incapacity of road links etc.. Additional housing capacity would increase this pressure.

Yours faithfully,

Sandra M Somers (Mrs)