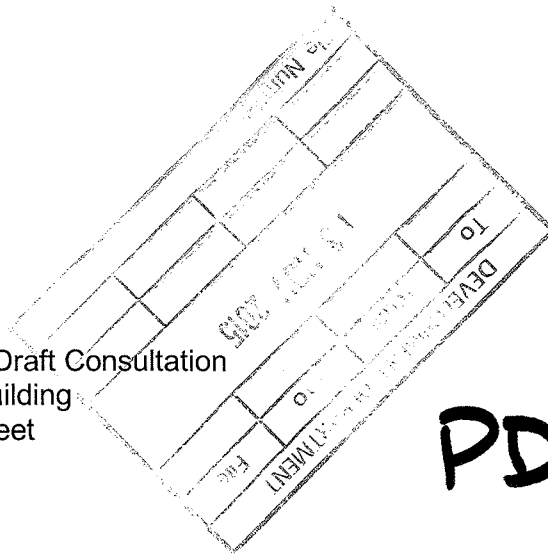


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Dear Sirs

Planning consultation – Rawdon and Horsforth

I am writing to raise my objection to the planning consultation on the following sites:

HG2-12 Fields at Woodlands Drive, Rawdon
HG3-2, HG 3-3, HG3-4. Fields off A65, Rawdon
HG2-41 Fields South of A65, Horsforth roundabout to the crematorium
HG2-43 Fields at Horsforth College Campus

I believe that the proposal to include these Green Belt sites in the local plan is not consistent with the national policy. There is no evidence that LCC are protecting Greenbelt land or that they are committed to conserving the natural environment.

The proposal to use Greenbelt land before brownfield sites is not justified for the following reasons:

- The landscape of the area will be lost forever
- The public walkways, bridleways and areas for cycling and walking will be lost, replaced by housing estates
- My understanding, from reading the literature available, is that brownfield sites are available across Leeds and therefore using Greenbelt land before all brownfield sites are used is not justified.

Furthermore the proposal to use this Strategic Green Infrastructure goes against the Leeds Core Strategy.

My objections are also based on the following reasons:

- Road infrastructure. The current traffic situation is (frankly) unbearable for commuters. The A6120 between Pudsey Owlcotes roundabout to Horsforth is heavily used and will create traffic chaos if more houses are built that would need to use the road. The number of commuters and journey created by c2500 houses being built where homeowners would need to use the A6120 and A65 will create a gridlock situation.
- Pollution. The increased traffic will lead to increased pollution from noise and traffic.
- Schools and Education. The schools in Horsforth are oversubscribed. Focussing on secondary schools; the Horsforth High School, as an academy can changes its admissions policy at any time. The LA simply do not have the ability or authority to influence secondary school admissions in LS18. This leaves the maintained school at Benton Park at risk of oversubscription and potential growth. I do not believe the school

has the capacity to expand and would not be able to accommodate the additional number of students.

- Health Services. Whilst the Doctors at Rawdon have expanded their hours the dental services in LS18 and LS19 are limited. At the time of writing the nearest Dentist accepting new patients is in LS16 – the health services cannot support the number of new patients that c2500 houses would generate in the area.
- Health and wellbeing. The increase in houses will mean the loss of Greenfields and the natural environment. The area will be a large housing estate with all greenfields, trees, hedges and other natural features lost.
- Lose of greenfield sites. By building on these sites the council are destroying my right to 'open countryside'.

It is disappointing that I was not aware of the public consultation on the proposed sites, undertaken in 2013, as I would have also raised my objections at that point.

Yours faithfully,

Mike Boughton
Local resident