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Dear Sir/Madam,

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I am writing in respect of the proposed new development in the area of Rawdon and Gouiseley which will in my opinion greatly affect the lives of the residents whose homes at present lie within semi rural areas. We have endured huge scale development within our locality over the past few years, namely High Royds, Kirkstall Forge and the Sandos development amongst others. It must surely be time to limit development in this vicinity and to have the council look towards developing other regions such as South Leeds which would benefit from a re-generation plan.

We were informed that L.C.C. would develop brownfield sites in preference

to greenfield but this no longer seems to be the case. Surely this has to be seen to be a sensible route forward in order to protect an already fragile environment. Developers are notoriously greedy and clearly have their eye on prime greenbelt land in order to ensure a financial killing.

I, amongst many others, have chosen to settle in this area for its natural beauty and access to local countryside. I am a keen walker and meet others on a daily basis keeping fit and exercising in a variety of ways eg. cycling, running, horse riding etc. If this scale of development goes ahead we will no longer have these precious areas to enjoy, rather we will be surrounded by urban sprawl.

The A65 is already choked with traffic all day and every day. It can't cope now so how can any planner argue that it can cope with far more? Our schools are all over subscribed, medical

facilities are at bursting point and public transport during rush hours is impossibly full.

The local area of Rawdon, Yeadon and Guiseley has some unique history which should be protected at all costs. The ecosystem of the area would be damaged beyond repair. We should be safeguarding the unique aspects of the area for our future and that of our local children. Village communities, once ruined by over development, can never be replaced. Wildlife, of which the region is healthily stocked, cannot exist here once its' habitat has been taken. Mature trees, which are protected, thrive, most especially in HG3-4, HG3-3 and HG2-41 amongst other areas. HG2-12 and HG2-41 are historical farming areas, a tradition of family farming is a strong heritage of the area too. (May I also point out that HG2-12 had no consultation prior to its' allocation for housing on the Site Allocation Plan.)

In fact it has proved quite difficult to gain information on any public consultations regarding this major development plan at all.

I do hope that the soundness of these plans will be reviewed before it is too late for local residents like myself and my family who have enjoyed living here for over forty years. I know of several people who feel they are being pushed out of the area they love and are selling up before the developers move in. I am a teacher and feel passionate about nature and its' conservation. I am also a grandmother and feel an obligation to pass on to my grandchildren an area where space, un-polluted air and open countryside will allow them to maintain their physical and mental well-being.

Please reconsider alternatives to these plans, the local area is already reeling from development the current rate of which is clearly unsustainable.

Yours Sincerely,