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Leeds City Council  
Planning Dept

Dear Sirs.

**Re; planning applications in the greenbelt.**

I am very concerned about the numbers of new houses planned for Horsforth, which may exceed what is necessary, and what can be supported by the infrastructure in this area. Have the plans been equitably considered across all relevant Leeds areas? Have all possible brownfield sites been explored? Is Horsforth Green belt being expected to carry too much of these planned developments?

I am concerned that much of this development is planned for the green belt between Horsforth and Rawdon. This would appear to be in breach of both national and local planning policies. It is not welcomed by local people.

As someone who regularly uses the A 65 as a driver and walker, seeing the greenery and wildlife has consistently been a joy. The land supports considerable wildlife, deer move through it, foxes, hedgehogs, varieties of owls and bats and numerous birds. It is a significant part of the character of the area and a marker of the boundaries between the townships of Horsforth and Rawdon, and Horsforth and Rodley. Building on these fields [HG2-41, HG2-43, HG2-12, HG3-3 2-4] would result in considerable loss of amenity, it would drastically reduce the corridor for wildlife which enriches this area, and in my view significantly increase the urban sprawl. It sets a poor precedent for other green belt areas which it is in our long term interest to protect. I have sat and watched the owls on this land, these sights are increasingly rare in our towns. I feel it is important to preserve them.

HG2-43-5009, adjacent to the cemetery; This is greenbelt, with woodland supporting biodiversity.

H92-41, Ref 4240, adjacent to the main road. This is predominantly green belt with barn owls and a bat roost. These green corridors on either side of the ring road do allow for the coexistence of wildlife and people.

There have been huge delays this year on the ring road to allow for housing developments on a nearby industrial estate. These are not quite finished yet. To propose further adjustments and increase the traffic to the A 65 would seem unwise.

To me this land has been a clear boundary between Horsforth and Rawdon. It is a beautiful and restful sight from the ring-road when commuting, having somewhere where wildlife can exist alongside people is clearly important.

The strawberry fields have also been used by my family for many years. It is a place where children can learn where food comes from, I would like to see generations of children continue to be able to do this. If the green spaces become too restricted, or patchy, we will see less wildlife.

My feeling is the green belt is too easily seen as a soft target, it is important that we try to protect it for future generations.

Yours sincerely,

M .F. Thompson