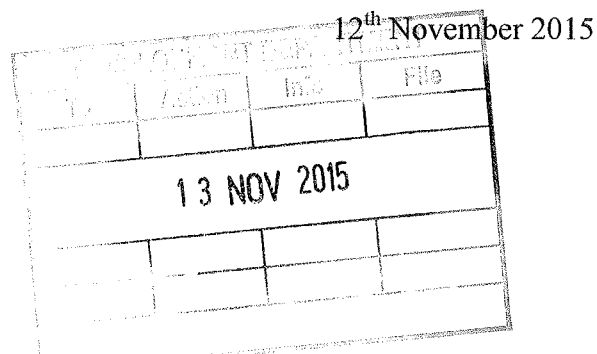


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Dear Sirs,

Intrusion on Green Belt Areas

I am writing regarding my concerns, particularly for the following sites:

HG2-41 Fields South of A65, Horsforth roundabout to the crematorium
HG2-42 Fields at Horsforth College Campus
HG2-12 Fields at Woodlands Drive, Rawdon
HG23-2, HG3-4 Fields off A65, Rawdon

The proposals to include these Green Belt sites in the Local Plan are **not** consistent with the national policy.

The proposal to use Green Belt before brownfield sites is not justified.

The proposal to use this Strategic Green infrastructure goes against the Leeds Core Strategy.

Traffic levels are high enough already; it is madness to go ahead with such development as HG2-41. Congestion is already too high, even with the new traffic lights at the roundabout. The present road system is woefully inadequate already without adding the consequential influx of motor vehicles, which would result from hundreds of new home owners.

Also pollution levels are critical, eg for the recent housing on the old Police station site on the Ring Road. When walking the dog in Hall Park adjacent to this development one can smell/detect traffic exhausts, which is not good for the new residents and it would be even worse for people living in houses right on top of Horsforth roundabout (the fields south of the A65).

Housing estimates seem to be guess work, just setting an artificial figure of 70,000. What criteria is there for this figure? I touched on this in a letter to my MP, copy attached. Suggesting these proposed sites do not seriously consider the environmental consequences involved and just seem a paper exercise to get these artificial numbers. Such an influx of people takes no account of the need for more schools and medical facilities to be made available.

I send this in support of the Save Our Green Belt campaign.

Yours faithfully,

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31st October 2014

Stuart Andrew, MP
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Dear Mr. Andrew,

My views on the survey would thoughtfully take more than 5 minutes.

In answer to planning in Horsforth: The central question is why 70,000 houses and on what judgment? We believe that the country is too small for the population; we already have 63 million. Other countries have stricter controls on immigration like those of North America and Australia. Our EU membership precludes this. In principle the EU soaks up our precious resources that could be used more usefully elsewhere and consequently effectively dictates who comes into this country.

This indiscriminate policy makes it impossible to plan or predict our housing and infrastructure needs. We should be able to effectively take charge of our immigration policy and possibly concentrate on realistic targets for house building and up the opportunity for first time buyers and social housing schemes. We recognise there is a shortage anyway but the public would be more sympathetic to pressures to build more homes for more deserving clients. This reaction to the uncontrolled immigration has fuelled the rise of UKIP popularity.

The Prime Minister gives the impression of sitting on the fence on our being in EU and at the best thinks he can change the rules to suit his reforms - it won't happen.

You have to convince voters that he is really putting the needs of UK before the EU. The EU is a failed superstate and likewise the Euro and is just a tool for political union. As William Hague said one size cannot fit all 28 countries and is a nonsense.

You represent one of the many marginals and these issues need to be resolved to sustain a Conservative majority to continue in government in 2015. Clear direction on the above EU membership and immigration would help the Conservatives to do well in the May 2015 election. It is an extremely precarious expectation. I am sure many in your party are hoping for this, including Philip Davies and others.

Yours sincerely,