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Re proposed plans to build on:

**SITE HG2-41 South of the A65 from Horsforth Roundabout to Rawdon Crematorium**

**SITE HG2-42 Broadway and Calverley Lane**

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are residents of Horsforth and are writing to express concern about the proposed plans to build on the above named sites which are close to where we live.

We feel that these plans cannot be justified as they:

- Rely too heavily on the use of Green Belt land, thus encouraging the further sprawl of an already sizeable built up area
- Will seriously erode the countryside area which has stopped Horsforth merging with both Rodley and Rawdon
- Fail to assist in any urban regeneration, as they do not recycle derelict or other existing urban land which is available in North Leeds

The plans will NOT be effective and have harmful results if implemented as they:


- Will add to the problems of the already very congested roads in this area. Pollution levels from stationery and crawling, queuing traffic are already significant
- Will negate the recent expensive improvements made to the traffic flow in the Horsforth and Rodley roundabouts, by adding a further 1 to 2000 vehicles. (Created by 777 homes and 206 homes across the two sites.)
- Will take away the air of peace from users of the Rawdon crematorium by their building

These plans are **inconsistent** with current national policy or indeed the Leeds Core Strategy as they:

- Use obsolete housing targets rather than the more recent 2011 census figures
- Fail to protect or enhance the natural and local environment of this area
- Fail to sustain Horsforth's "distinctiveness" by merging it in with two other existing urban areas
- Utilise what is essentially Green Belt land, which planners accept should be used only in **exceptional** circumstances

We hope that, following on from your consultation, development plans for these sites will be set aside and any further housing needs in North Leeds be addressed from recycling derelict and other already urban sites.

Yours sincerely,

  
(MRS + MR C. POLLARD)