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Dear Leeds city council,

We are writing to you, to protest on the matter of the housing development, on the greenbelt land in Rawdon/Leeds. We urge you to stop this at once, and there are many clear reasons that even a ten year olds can identify. We all feel extremely passionate about protecting our precious greenbelt from destruction. Once it's gone it won't come back .We want it green, it is green, so keep it green!

First and foremost, why not build on brownfield? A reasonable argument would be that it costs more, but fundraising could be the solution to that. Also the derelict factories will become unsafe and consequently there will be a safety haard. Therefore, it will need to be knocked down at some point so why destroy our natural surroundings when you can stop a hazard from happening?

Secondly, building this large amount of new houses means that there will be too many children to go to the current local schools, meaning that new schools will have to be built, which in turn means more money. Do you have the thousands or even millions of pounds to spare on this added cost. Doing this, our beautiful greenbelt land shall be shrunk even further. We know that last year Horsforth High School, one of the leading schools in the area, and one of our main feeder schools was significantly oversubscribed, by an staggering 200 pupils. If you go ahead with these plans the number will soar. Do you really want that. In the process of building schools ,where will the other children learn? Its not fair on the younger generation !

In addition, the council have been spending thousands on helping overweight and obese children. In 2013 and 2014 19.1% of yr 6 pupils were obese and a further 14.4 % were overweight. This is just less than a quarter of the pupils! If there is less places to walk and play people will be less healthy. Do you really expect people to walk on hard concrete instead of the fresh air and the countryside. It could also discourage them to go walking as they will not enjoy it as much. Who wants an overweight city?

You cannot forget the pollution, litter and smoke fumes that will increase when the houses are built. Our beloved Rawdon will be a litter sight that chockes our environment. The houses that would be built will create vile gas fumes polluting the air and filling our lungs with fumes as well as smoke.

I am sure many in Rawdon would agree that nothing good will ever come from building on Greenbelt. It clearly spoils views, damages wildlife, discourages country walking and will increase litter, pollution, obesity and congestion.

Yours sincerely, [REDACTED]