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DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT			
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Dear Sir/Madam

Around Rawdon and other local areas I have seen many posters saying "stop housing!" And I've heard about more and more houses being built in Rawdon, Horsforth and other local areas. I have many reasons for this to NOT happen.

To start off, Rawdon and other areas around have a lovely mass of lovely fields and countryside's that everyone enjoys walking on. For example our Billing is a beautiful field to go for a Sunday stroll on. It is also home to animals, insects and other woodland creatures. Now just think for a moment, if you're about to build at last 70,000 houses in countryside's like the Billing, imagine how much damage that would cause. Not only for animals but for plants too. How would you like it if someone just came into your garden and started building a house? Areas of building: HG2-41, HG3-4 and HG-12.

Secondly, There is a collection of activities you can enjoy doing on the countryside: Walking your dog, horse riding, Easter egg hunts, having a nature trail, bird watching or even just having a run about. But if you decide to build houses over these greenbelt areas the only activities to do would be just boring: Looking out a bedroom window, playing in a small patch of grass, car watching, riding on a rocking horse. Basically it wouldn't be as exciting as it is now. People would get less fresh air and more pollution in their lungs, there would be more of an increase of noise with all the cars and any infants crying it also means less exercise for any joggers but for anyone who doesn't jog has more of a chance becoming overweight. Area of building: HG-12

In addition, I hope you already knew this but the countryside is the home of most animals and insects in the world: Cows, horses, sheep, birds and other creatures. If you build where you're planning it will mean that ALL woodland and farmland animals habitats would be destroyed, how would you like it if someone came and knocked down your dog's kennel. It also means that many people's hobbies may be lost: Birdwatching, leaf collecting, horse riding and eve stargazing as there would be too much light pollution. More litter and pollution would also mean that there would be less animals and plants. As cows, sheep and other animals to eat would be reduced which means you wouldn't be able to have a Sunday roast, Christmas Dinner and any other meals you might have on special occasions. Areas of building: HG-3-4 and HG-12.

Even though I've already mentioned about animals habitats, I haven't yet mentioned about how this could harm any woods. For instance there is a bluebell wood on Knott lane which is not only home to probably most woodland creatures but it is also over hundreds of years old. If this wood is destroyed there wouldn't be enough places for animals to hide, as there would also be more cars on the road which causes more animals to be injured or even worse killed. As well as the woodland creatures this wood is a beautiful place to go on a relaxing walk after a long day at work. If you destroy this wonderful place of environment many happy memories for people could be lost. Areas of building: HG3-2 and HG3-3.

You probably all enjoy a delicious, hot Sunday roast right? Well STOP and think about what you're doing with this idea. You building on the countryside will mean all the farmland animals will either have to be killed straight away or moved even further away which means you also have to go to an even further away supermarket just to get a bit of chicken or any other meat you enjoy. Not only does it mean you won't always get a Sunday roast but farms that are playing farms like Hesketh farm may end up having less animals so children wouldn't get to meet as many animals as they should in their life. Not only would there not be new animals for children to see but jobs could also be lost: Farmers, beekeepers and even butchers. Areas of building: HG2-41, HG2-41 and HG3-3.

Destroying the countryside doesn't just mean loss of animal's ad insects but it also means more traffic and vehicles on the road. And I really hope you know what more traffic means: More accidents on the road, journey times will take longer which means adults will be late for work and children would be late for school, pedestrians could get killed or badly injured, pollution will increase even more and any accidents that do happen means that emergency services would take longer and may even crash themselves. We would also need to have more shops and work

buildings which means even more space taken up. And even if there isn't more shops built means that lines in proper supermarkets will take longer and more people would have to get extra jobs to fill in any empty tills. I also think that children should get a proper education and not be in a school that's cramped. Even though you would be building a school (HG2-41) you are also building a massive 777 houses! And that's just on one field imagine how much life will be killed by you or cars and other vehicles.

I hope you take my word and change your mind about building these houses on greenbelt land. I have no reason against building more houses but if you do please build it on brownfield. Just think. More houses means less fields, less fields means less animals and less animals means less food, we could starve if you build on greenbelt land. More litter and pollution means less animals and plants.

Yours sincerely, [REDACTED]

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