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Dear Sir/Madam,

In Rawdon and various other areas, it has been proposed to build houses on many greenbelt sites. As you will know, a group of people disagree with your plans. I am part of that group so that is why I have written you this letter to try and get you to reconsider your decision. I don't understand why sites, in the targeted areas, that have been there for many years should be replaced with new buildings which will also destroy our countryside.

First of all, I would like to ask the citizens of Leeds City Council to think of the effect on other people's life and Leeds City Council's business. You could easily solve quite a few problems by transferring the houses onto brownfield sites. Yes this may reduce the levels of housing but it saves our beautiful land and countryside.

One of the reasons I plea you not to carry on with your plan, is we will all lose places of happiness (HG-12) where we have fun and exercise. As you already know, one in four children in Leeds are overweight or obese, so by taking away places they could easily walk to and enjoy themselves whilst losing weight, people will exercise less. People will have to get in a car for example to go on a bike ride which is losing the whole point of walking to a park/field. This will result in people saying they can't be bothered to go through all the hassle.

I am deeply concerned that if the idea goes forward, the targeted areas will become more and more dangerous. Traffic will be a nightmare especially around roundabouts and narrow roads. This problem (HG2-41) is probably the most life dangerous thing you have come up with! Can you imagine Horsforth's roads and junctions with possibly over 800 MORE cars travelling on it! If an emergency service vehicle needed to get through to someone in trouble, it would be 10 times harder for them to get to their destination. You would want the

ambulance/police/fire services to be able to help you as soon as possible wouldn't you? Think of how many lives would be lost due to traffic! As well as endangering your people you would be polluting the earth severely. One subject could change our lives forever.

Another problem which would appear is ruining the animal's habitats (HG-3-4) and the daily things they could expect and do. The poor creature's lives would be effected dramatically. Think of the animals! Wild deers, bats, lawping, sparrowhawks, tawny owls and other species call Rawdon, Airebrough and Horsforth their home as we do too. They'll struggle to find food and shelter as the land they used to live on has been used to place houses on. Nocturnal animals, for example the bat, will find it hard to find places to hang from as they sleep.

My final subject is loss of farmland (HG2-12, HG2-41). When we lose farmland it results in the animals moving to a different place. This means that fairly priced, locally produced meat would cost a lot more money. This would be the same with fruit and vegetables. Also if local residents have a free day, they can simply go to a field and have a picnic.

Thank you for reading my letter. I hope this will make you re-consider your decision. I hope that you decide not to ruin our land.

J.