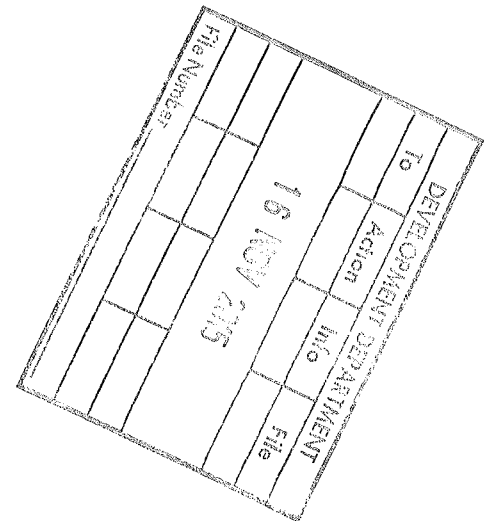


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Dear Sir/Madam

**HG2-12 Fields at Woodlands Drive, Rawdon
HG3-2, HG3-3, HG3-4 Fields off A65 Rawdon
HG2-41 Fields South of A65, Horsforth Roundabout to the Crematorium
HG2-43 Fields at Horsforth College Campus**

I am writing with regards to plan to build on Green Belt land in the Rawdon and Horsforth areas and to register my opposition to these plans (listed above).

I have viewed the National Policy and all of the above proposals are NOT consistent with the National Policy. Land designated as Green Belt is given that title in order to protect it and preserve the areas surrounding it, in fact protect it from the very plans that Leeds City Council is thoughtlessly planning. Building on any of these areas would be an outrageous breach of the rights that Green Belt has. The Council and its Councillors and employees should be working FOR the people that have placed them in these privileged positions, not scheming behind constituents' backs to build on protected areas around their homes and the towns they live in.

The areas that are listed above are popular recreational areas within the communities they are situated. They are homes to wildlife, the existence of which should not be put in jeopardy due to the inability of a Council to see what is blatantly right and what is blatantly wrong. Those at the Council should be ashamed to even suggest these changes to the future of the rural areas concerned. Rawdon and Horsforth are home to populations that are hugely proud of where they live and there is a distinct border between the two areas. Any building on the Green Belt between the two will merge the two into one large town. Designation of Green Belt is to prevent urban sprawl, which is exactly what the Council will create.

My daughter is fourth generation Rawdon resident and will no doubt aim to build a home for her family within Rawdon when the time comes. Building on Green Belt would remove and ruin the recreational areas that we have all grown up knowing and loving. Family walks that have been enjoyed and cherished would no longer be possible. Imagine what future generations would think when being told what used to be in these areas; how beautiful green fields had been allowed to be replaced by housing, which let's face it is not needed. All because a narrow minded Council ignored the thoughts and needs of the people living there and bowed to the pressure of money grabbing developers. I for one would be ashamed.

The number of houses that Leeds City Council has promised to build is not relative to the projected population of the area over the coming years. I ask where has the number of 70,000 homes came from?

It's no secret that the road network in the area is struggling with the capacity of traffic as it is. All these new houses would make the roads gridlocked during peak times. The roads around schools at peak times would be put under even more pressure. Yet the building would take place with no forward planning in relation to the road network. There is no additional employment on the horizon in these areas and schools which are already full to capacity would be overflowing with children, as there are no additional schools planned. Only the vague mention of a sixth form college – all the local high schools have sixth form centres, so what a waste of an idea, not that anyone expects the developers to fulfil their promises. It's difficult enough to get a Doctor's appointment at the present, what would happen when all the new homes were built?

My thoughts and feelings above are just the tip of the iceberg. I urge the Officers of Leeds City Council to think carefully before they back down to the pressure of developers and instead take on board the important views of the people who already live in these areas. We have a voice, you MUST listen!!

Yours faithfully