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DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT			
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Dear Sir

I would like to register, in the strongest possible terms, my objection to all the planning proposals for houses, to be built, on valued Greenbelt land in the Rawdon & Horsforth area of Leeds.

Green field areas which I am particularly concerned about are:

HG2-41 Rawdon Crematorium to Horsforth roundabout.

HG2-43 Fields at Horsforth College Campus.

HG2-12 Woodlands Drive.

HG3-2 Knott Lane West.

HG3-3 Knott Lane East.

HG3-4 Layton Lane.

I appreciate the need to build more houses in the UK. My main reason for objections are as follows:

The council is working on an incorrect figure for houses required. They are working on an estimate of 70,000 new homes in the next 16 years, when the correct figure is nearer 45,000 homes.

The council and developers have targeted Greenfield land, against government policy, when there are lots of Brownfield sites, in the Leeds area, crying out for renovation. The reason is obvious. The developers want to work with Greenfield sites, because they are far less hassle and very much more lucrative.

Infrastructure is not in place, or proposed, to deal with so many new families. The A65 between Rawdon traffic lights and Horsforth roundabout is already gridlocked at certain times of the day, particularly at rush hour. All these proposed sites would require access to this stretch of road. Important services such as Schools, Doctors surgeries, Dentists, Vets etc, would be completely overstretched.

We all pay a premium to live in such a lovely area. What would that do to our property values if we are crammed in by new housing estates? Is this fair? Would there be any compensation? This would be the worst of urban sprawl.

Wildlife which is predominant in these areas would be radically affected. The areas are a haven for roe deer, owls, woodpeckers etc. Their habitats would be destroyed, which surely would be against conservation policy.

I could say a lot more, but I think you get the gist of my concerns. We live in a lovely area which would be devastated were these developments allowed to go ahead. Brown field sites are available which would be far more suited to these housing projects. The council and developers seem intent on destroying our habitats, when at this current time it is not necessary.

I hope you will take note of my serious concerns.

Yours faithfully

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