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Forward Planning and Implementation
The Leonardo Building
2 Rossington Street
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Dear Sirs

I am writing to you to express my concerns around the proposal to build hundreds of houses in the Rawdon area and ask you not to do this. I believe the development is not justified, not effective, not positively prepared and not legally compliant.

- I believe it is not justified as vital greenbelt land will be lost forever, blurring the gap between Leeds and Bradford and encroaching onto open countryside. Sites HG2-12, HG3-3 and HG3-4 are UK Biodiversity Action Plan Priority Habitats and as such are home to wild deer, bats and many wild birds including tawny owls, lapwings, curlews, sparrowhawks and fieldfares. Brownfield sites are available elsewhere across Leeds. LCC core strategy says that these must be developed before greenbelt land.
- The development of HG2-12 is undeliverable as highways access is limited to Southlands Avenue and has been incorrectly categorised as 'allocated' and cannot be delivered.
- Site allocations plans for these sites in Rawdon are NOT based on a comprehensive Greenbelt review as required by previous Inspector when he passed the Core Strategy as sound.
- There has been no consultation on site HG2-12 prior to it being allocated to housing in the Site Allocations Plan and this area was not included in the Issues and Options Consultation in June. I was only recently advised that the Council held a public consultation about these plans in 2013. Many local people, myself included, were not aware of this.

I have lived in this area all my life, enjoying the green fields and watching wildlife and feel these should be there for future generations to experience. I hope you will reconsider building houses on these beautiful green spaces in our village

Yours sincerely


Carolyn E Wright