

Dear Sir / Madam

I am frankly appalled by the plans for the new bridge and destruction of the green belt for housing. Firstly, despite living despite being directly affected by the new bridge and housing development, all the information I have had has come from social media which alerted me to the consultation process. I have had no information from the council whatsoever. Either this is deliberate or there is a considerable degree of incompetence at work, either way its pretty poor. I would have expected all residents in affected post codes to be individually notified.

Secondly, enough of my own issues, the more important and longer lasting threat is damage to the environment with the massive destruction of the greenbelt. The greenbelt is one of the treasures of the area and contributes to reducing pollution and acting as a buffer zone between built up areas. This of course you know. having spoken to one of the people at a consultation he was adamant that building the new bridge will reduce traffic pollution.....not with 24,000 new homes it won't.

I understand that the proposal to build this amount is in excess of the amount required by the government. Why? Keeping development to brown field sites (as I understand it) would satisfy Governmental requirements and everybody would be happy....except those who want to build on green field sites.

As for everybody benefitting from the new developments and destruction of the Greenbelt....could we have more specific detail on who would benefit? I don't know anybody who feels it will benefit them, people generally seem happy with the way things are, so I'm assuming it will be persons unknown who presumably have large financial interests / profits at stake. The only obvious beneficiaries are the developers and Peel Holdings. Have I missed anybody out?

Perhaps money could be better spent on rejuvenating further the town centre so the monstrous new car park which now dominates the sky line can be used to the full and all the empty shops put back in use with reduced rates for new tenants. Just a thought. I notice our Prime Minister has blocked new housing near her residence. If she can justify it, perhaps it could be justified that the wholesale destruction in the WBC planning proposals can be laid to rest also.

Or is it one rule for them and another for the rest of us?

