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Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to comment on the Council's Draft Local Plan and in particular its lack of regard for the preservation of the Green Belt. The Council appears at every stage to overestimate the number of houses that the government will require them to build and then use the inflated figure to justify the use of green belt land. Environmental issues have never been higher up the political agenda and the need to reduce carbon emissions never more urgent. There is constant evidence of the role played by the great outdoors in promoting mental and physical health. Not only does the Council's plan sacrifice these benefits but proposes to undermine further the quality of the air by increasing traffic movements and that in areas that already suffer from severe congestion. The statement that "air quality will improve" seems bland and unfounded. The situation can only deteriorate further if applications for expansion by transport and logistics firms are granted. Should we really be inflicting such potential harm on our young children?

I welcome the idea of building in or near the town centre which would help to rejuvenate a decaying and depressed area and think the plan should put this at the heart of its development plan and preserve the countryside for future generations.

Yours faithfully
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