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To: Planning Policy  
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To Whom It May Concern

Re: Wootton's Green Belt Review

I am writing this letter as I'm against the Vale of White Horse District Council's proposal to make changes to Wootton's Green Belt. I believe that taking land out of the Green Belt is very likely to lead to housing development on this land.

I recommend that there should be some minor development in Appleton, which should include starter homes and flats, rather than large, up-market properties. Minor growth should enable the new-comers to be embraced as part of the community, and the integration would be easier to manage. Building smaller properties would make it possible for the young and old to remain in the parish. Larger developments would threaten the character and image of our charming village.

The proposal in the Green Belt Review Phase 3 report should not be accepted on the following grounds:

**Area 23 on the map**

- This land is currently an extremely well-used park, situated behind the recently extended and updated village community hall. Together the hall and the park act as a real hub for what is a rather large and sprawling village. Losing this park would be devastating for the village.
- Vehicular access to this land would be difficult, as the road is already extremely busy because of the existing road junction and nearby shops.
- There would be health and safety issues as any development here would mean new access roads alongside the community hall.

#### **Area 9 on the map**

- The proposed area is too large and should be reduced to the land only adjacent to the old village road in keeping with the width and depth of existing houses.
- Vehicular access to this land for construction vehicles would not be possible using the existing narrow and twisting old village road.

#### **Area 10 on the map**

- Building in this area (between the Abingdon Road and Boar's Hill) would destroy the existing views of Boar's Hill which is an iconic part of the Oxford landscape.
- If building did have to occur here it should be in a single strip along the road to match that on the other side, rather than extending much further towards the hill as currently shown on the plan.

Please take this letter into consideration when making your decision.

Yours faithfully

Sandra Baker