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**Subject:** FW: Cumnor South Site 22 - FAO Ben Davis

Dear Mr Davis

I hope this email finds you well. My purpose in writing is to give my support to the removal of Cumnor South Site 22 from the Green Belt.

I appreciate that this will be a contentious issue for many people in the village, and this I fully accept however I do think that for villages such as Cumnor to continue to thrive, additional housing resource is desperately needed. This said with the caveat that the development is in keeping with the existing village infrastructure and not detrimental to its ambience.

Having

been born and raised in Cumnor village, I personally would love to be able to live back there but regretfully, housing shortages and subsequent prices make that unaffordable. This means that families who have existed within Cumnor are now dissipated, thus diluting the history of Cumnor significantly. Cumnor has thrived on having long standing families who are at the heart of village life and that has been eroded substantially over the years.

The village has superb facilities which I am sure many villagers enjoy. The Pubs, Sports facilities, School, Store and Post Office to name a few. I read with interest that the Post Office is currently under threat of not keeping its current status as the present village size and demographic doesn't warrant a full Post Office service.

Understandably the village are upset (not least the Postmaster I'm sure) and surely an uplift in trade can only be a good thing? This gives an opportunity to provide new trade to all the fabulous independent outlets that the village would like to keep.

I understand the concerns and objections about how any housing might look. This is an opportunity to enhance the village population without "over development" and ugly, out of place buildings. Being based on the edge of the existing village means that the impact is minimised all round.

The

proposed removal of Cumnor South Site 22 from the Green Belt would allow, I think, for an appropriately sized and designed development which can only add to the village's prosperity and allow those younger people to stay within Cumnor.

Thank you for your attention.

Kind regards

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