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To Whom It May Concern

VWHDC Green Belt Review – Impact on Appleton

I am writing in response to the Vale of White Horse District Council's Green Belt Review. Included in the review is a proposal to make changes to the Green Belt in and around the village in which I live, Appleton.

I believe that taking land out of the Green Belt is very likely to lead to housing development on this land.

I have no issue with some limited development in Appleton, including starter homes and smaller properties, suitable for the young people of the parish as first homes and also appealing to older members of the community who wish to downsize but stay in the village. Larger developments would threaten the character and image of our charming village and the infra-structure does not exist to support such growth.

The proposal in the Green Belt Review Phase 3 report should be revised on the following grounds:

### **Area 7 on the map (Appleton)**

- I consider that if there were to be any development along the marked length of the Eaton Road, it should be adjacent to the road, in keeping with the properties on the other side of the Eaton Road. The proposed area is too large and should be reduced to the land adjacent to Eaton Road.
- Any larger development would encroach on the agricultural activity of the adjacent farm buildings.

### **Area 25 on the map (Appleton)**

- Access to this land would be difficult, as the access road, Badswell Lane, is narrow and full of small cottages where the residents have no option but to park on the road. The lane turns into a narrow bridleway where access is even more difficult.
- The bridleway has wonderful views across the Thames Valley, which will be compromised by development.
- The ground of area 25 is prone to flooding, very damp, and unsuitable for development.

I recognise that limited developments in keeping with the character of the village, are acceptable for Appleton to continue to be a vibrant community. It is important that the scale of any reduction in the green belt is limited in order to protect the character of the village.

Thank you in advance for considering my letter when making your decision.

Yours faithfully



Mary M Carey