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CC: Alison Kirtland [REDACTED]
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Subject: Green Belt Review

Dear Sir

As residents of Wootton we have been made aware that the Council has undertaken a green belt review. We understand that this was originally published in February 2014 and that sites suggested as being removed from the green belt, such as 3 in Wootton, coincided with areas included in the strategic housing site allocations also published at the same time, such as Lamborough Hill in Wootton and sites in Radley and Cumnor. We were delighted when the revised VWHDC strategic area plan was published in November that these sensitive sites were removed from the allocations. Your own publication delivered to us said that you had listened to residents concerns about these sites and acted accordingly. This was very pleasing to see as an example of consultation leading to changes in policy.

We are therefore very surprised that you wish to continue with plans to remove these sights from the protection of green belt status. This seems a backdoor route to allowing further housing development beyond the sites allocate in your draft plan published in November. As you know a large number of organisations oppose these plans including CPRE and oxford preservation Trust as well as the local parish councils.

I am specifically concerned about the site a Lamborough Hill, the green belt review confirms the sensitivity of this sight, with its open views to Boars Hill and acting as a natural break between the villages of Wootton and Whitecross, which would otherwise merge in to one large conurbation all the way to Abingdon. The green belt review also says that any development on this sight should be limited on its eastern boundary by the extent of the existing development at Home Close. However the area proposed for removal exceeds significantly beyond this area as there is no natural boundary or fence line at that point.

I therefore object to the removal of all sights in Wootton from the green belt as

- this would open the village to over expansion and development of sensitive sights
- it would increase traffic on already busy roads

Yours sincerely

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