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To Whom It May Concern

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

We have many issues already in the village therefore building further developments especially of the larger nature will only exacerbate these issues.

Firstly Appleton suffers from speeding traffic through the village. Our village has a good population of young families frequently walking or cycling through and we often have to experience speeding cars, courier vans, delivery lorries, certainly not adhering to the speed limits. We certainly would not want to add to this traffic load.

We already experience heavy traffic through the village as a diverted route off of the A420 during busy periods of the day.

Secondly, we are currently extremely fortunate to benefit from a relatively small and personable school. This however is fast growing with people moving into the village into existing properties and the attraction of those from surrounding villages and towns (often very much out of catchment) because of the excellent reputation that Appleton School has.

I feel that any housing development of a substantial nature will certainly have a massive negative impact on our school in some shape or form.

We are proud of our small, characterful, charming village where residents know everyone and it retains a great family atmosphere.

We by no means would want to see Appleton village grow in the direction of a small town and I feel that if large areas of Green Belt are released then this could very much happen.

Most importantly I think we should consider what 'Green Belt' stands for and that the areas in question in Appleton were set to Green Belt for a reason.

On the <http://planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk> it states:-

Green Belt serves five purposes:

To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas

To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another

To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment

To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns

To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land.

For Appleton to continue to be a vibrant community we welcome small limited developments, which are in keeping of the character of the village between now and 2031.

Please take this letter into consideration when making your decision.

Yours faithfully

Kimberley Rennie