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#### Green Belt

The green belt has been put in place to protect small rural towns and villages and to help preserve the unique character of each settlement. Before designating it as building land a complete review of the whole of the green belt needs to be undertaken.

#### Housing

A case has been made for the need for housing but I would suggest the numbers are way in excess of the need and the type of housing currently being suggested is unaffordable for local residents. I would suggest there is a need for self-build housing sites that should be offered to local residents.

Abingdon is the oldest continuously inhabited town in England and what is built should reflect the age and character of the town and be in keeping with the large number of listed buildings in its several conservation areas.

#### Transport

The traffic in Abingdon is at breaking point. Further building of homes would be the tipping point. A second river crossing is needed and a full intersection at the Lodge Hill junction onto the A34 is essential. The A34 needs to have extra lanes to cope with the existing traffic.

#### Infrastructure

With schools, GPs and roads already over subscribed all these services need addressing before any building takes place, failure to do so would result in major catastrophe.

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