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Subject: Building in Wootton::Objections

Dear Sir/Madam, the children in this village appreciate more than anything the green spaces and views across fields which are an inherent part of our community, and provide access to free exercise and fresh air for all, regardless of income. We live in a very isolated part of Oxfordshire, and as it is too dangerous to walk safely along the main road to Oxford or Abingdon due to the increasing volume of traffic, access to safe green space is more important than ever. No permission for removing these areas from the Green Belt should be given until there can be assurances made that the impact on the existing village will not be detrimental. We cannot believe that the playing field next to the community centre when people regularly play football, fly kites, ride bicycles and walk there dogs is now threatened with building. This should be common land, free for all to enjoy and support as a community. There is no guarantee that if this removal of Green Belt protection is granted then other areas will remain free from development. Our main road is already a busy rat-run for people seeking to avoid the A34 and the A420, and we have little provision in the village for schooling, shopping and recreation as it is, without the added population that potential development would bring. The most logical solution would be to extend Whitecross towards Abingdon and behind the existing houses there to enlarge what is already a settlement but which has no village centre and no provision for residents there. If a housing estate were built on "greenbelt" land there, ie unattractive low value land with only the view of the army barracks to obscure, with a small group of convenience stores/petrol station, then much of the unacceptable traffic problem though Wootton would be reduced. Houses in Wootton can be added around the edge on land which currently has no value, ie the field opposite the junction of Fox land with Lamborough Hill, where there is empty scrub, and on the wide open airfield which serves no useful function to the community.

Yours faithfully,
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