Comment Receipt

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Please provide us with your comments:

Ref. Paragraph 4.22 and Fig. 4.12 - proposed housing development East of Wootton. Fig. 4.12 indicates three possible sites for future development around Wootton Village: (1) located to the East, on the Lamborough Road (2) located to the North on the Cumnor Road (3) located to the South, adjacent to the recreation ground and Lansdowne Road All three are located within the Green Belt. Core Policy 9 asserts, "The Oxford Green Belt will continue to be protected against inappropriate development in accordance with national planning policy to maintain its openness and open character". However, the proposed choice, (1) contradicts this Policy. It would fill one of the few remaining ?open-view' sections of the road from Abingdon to Wootton, effectively completing the earlier ribbon development of an urbanised corridor. The same applies to the possible site (2), to the east of the Cumnor Road, since it would extend the corridor to the North of Wootton. (The speculative ribbon development which took place in the 1930's helped make the case for the creation of the Oxford Preservation Trust and the open views towards Boars Hill). The third site, (3) located behind of the recreation ground and the Community Centre is the only one which meets the Core Policy. It lies within the envelope of the village, close to the centre and the shops, and it also provides safe access to the primary school in Dry Sandford. If it is necessary to extend the village to meet the demand for housing, then site (3) must be the preferred choice.

If objecting, please tell us how your objections can be overcome

see comments above

Would you like to help us review how we consult? No