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To: Planning Policy

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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 proposed changes to Appleton's Green Belt. I believe that the current proposals for taking land out of the Green Belt are very likely to lead to inappropriate housing development on this land, as larger developments would threaten the character and community of the village.

I recommend that we should have a number of minor developments in Appleton, which should include starter homes and flats, not only up-market properties. Smaller developments over a period of time should enable new-comers to be embraced as part of the community, and the integration would be easier to manage. Building smaller properties would make it possible for the young and old to remain in the parish. A significant number of houses could be added to the village in this way.

The proposal in the Green Belt Review Phase 3 report should not be accepted on the following grounds:

Area 25 on the map

- Access to this land would be difficult, as the road is narrow and is currently a bridleway.
- There would be health and safety issues as development would mean a road directly outside Appleton's playground.
- The bridleway has wonderful views across the Thames Valley, which will be compromised by development.
- The ground of area 25 is wet, and unsuitable for development.

Area 7 on the map

- The proposed area is too large and should be reduced to the land only adjacent to Eaton Road, in keeping with the width and depth of existing houses.
- This is open countryside, and developments could happen in Appleton with far less impact on open countryside

For Appleton to continue to be a vibrant community we welcome limited developments which are in keeping of the character of the village between now and 2031. It would make far more sense to have small incremental developments over a longer period of time so that the school can manage increased demand, new arrivals integrate into the community, and the infrastructure and services of the

village can manage the extra people. There are plenty of smaller sites (some of which have been identified by the council) which would be far more suitable for housing development.

Please take this letter into consideration when making your decision.

Yours faithfully

Richard Tyack