

I wish to record my objection to your proposal to remove three areas in Wootton from the green belt, set out in your Green Belt Review; phase 3. I wrote to you in March expressing my objection to your proposal for 200 houses in East Wootton (copy of letter attached) and the reasons supporting my objection that I gave there, apply with equal measure to the proposal that you are now putting forward. From the withdrawal of the East Wootton, 200 house proposal it can be presumed that you have been able to satisfy the need to provide land for 20 560 houses in the period 2011-2031. Why then is it necessary to withdraw land from the green belt to provide more land for an unquantified number of houses. Nowhere do you set out any justification for what you are proposing nor do you provide any information on what alternative sites are available that you have considered. Once these green belt sites are opened up for housing development, it is inevitable that developers will be making planning applications that you are powerless to resist.

There is a proposal for a garden city of 13 000 houses at Bicester; a review of the Oxfordshire green belt is to be carried out in early 2015. I think you should be suspending any action on changing the green belt boundaries until the effect that they will have on the demand for housing in Oxfordshire is assessed.

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