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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 proposal to make changes to Appleton's Green Belt. I believe that taking land out of the Green Belt is very likely to lead to housing development on this land. Although we live in Wootton, my child attends the school in Appleton and I feel that the scale of likely building development would mean huge changes for the whole village including the school, especially in the quantity of traffic on the roads to and through Appleton. The existing roads would not be able to take the likely volume of construction traffic or the increased traffic following the development.

I recommend that there should be some minor development in Appleton, which should include starter homes and flats, rather than large, up-market properties. Minor growth should enable the 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. Larger developments would threaten the character and image of our charming village.

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.
- I do not want development to encroach on the agricultural activity of the adjacent farm buildings.

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.

Please take this letter into consideration when making your decision.

Yours faithfully

Sandra Baker