

To: Planning Policy  
Vale of White Horse District Council  
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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.

I recommend that we should have some minor development in Appleton, which should include starter homes and flats, not only 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.

Although even a small amount of development will have a great impact on the present infrastructure. At present both the Pre-school and Primary school are currently turning away children within catchment due to lack of space.

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.
- I do not want development to encroach on the agricultural activity of the adjacent farm buildings.
- This is profitable farmland, something this country lacks as a whole.
- The present sewage system would find any addition difficult to manage.
- Any runoff would continue down hill to exacerbate flooding problems.
- Any additional traffic from this end of the village would invariably have to negotiate the small roundabout through Cumnor

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

Mrs Deborah White