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Name or Organisation : Kelvin Sykes

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Paragraph

Policy

Proposals Map

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Yes

No

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Yes

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No

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The preservation of the green belt around Oxford is paramount to prevent urban sprawl. Central Government advice and policy is clearly against piecemeal whittling away of designated green belt land.

The areas in north Abingdon designated as potentially suitable for housing support a variety of wildlife and this habitat would be lost for ever.

The land is also valuable and productive farm land, and it provides a major recreational area for people to walk and enjoy the countryside which would be lost if houses were to be built on it.

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The current green belt should be preserved in accordance with the views of central government.
The Council's case for building on the green belt land is not sound as the forecast of the number of jobs and houses required in the area is overestimated and cannot be accurately forecast over such a long period..

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The historic character of the market town of Abingdon will be permanently and detrimentally affected if development of urban sprawl is allowed to take place by piecemeal development of parts of it around North Abingdon.

The development borders the ancient woodland of Blake's Oak which would be detrimentally affected by the proposed development.

Public footpaths would be overwhelmed by the number of houses which would be on higher ground and have an adverse effect on public amenity.

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The proposed development of houses on the green belt land to north of Abingdon should be removed from the plan.

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The policy states that the Council's over-arching priority for this sub-area of north Abingdon is to "... ensure growth is managed to minimise pressure on the highway network whilst protecting the Oxford green belt".

They are not protecting the green belt by proposing to build 1000 houses on it. estimates of the number of extra vehicles this will entail using the already congested roads around Abingdon are up to 1500 but this is I think an underestimate as many houses in the long furlong estate already have three or even four cars per house – possibly as a result of children not moving out of the family home until much later in life.

I work in Reading and it already takes over half an hour to travel the two miles or so to get across Abingdon with congestion being particularly bad on Dunmore Road between 7.30 am and 9.00 am and also in the town centre. The return journey is also very congested.

The additional houses would distribute additional traffic onto Dunmore Road at peak travel times and make an already poor situation for existing residents even worse.

The community levy is unlikely to produce enough money to improve the road networks.

Dunmore Road was supposed to be an outer ring road to alleviate traffic in the town centre but if houses are built on the far side from the existing long furlong development it will no longer be an outer ring road.

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