

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to give my opinion on the green belt review of Wootton and Boars Hill, Oxfordshire. Please read carefully my objections below.

1. Congestion - The road, Lamborough Hill, is used currently as a direct link between Abingdon and Oxford and the A34, which was not the original purpose. With added congestion, it will fall under the pressure extra housing imposes.
2. Schools - Schools here are at full capacity, local facilities are pushed to the limit and there is very little room for growth to support a major expansion in community size.
3. Local transport is designed to support a small, rural village and cannot sustain a bigger demand. Added transport would be vital, however the infrastructure is not in place to support this addition. If this was made bigger and stronger, you could no longer call Wootton, a village.
4. Surrounding the village contains historical significance with sites of the highest value, such as Arthur Evans' garden in Jarn Mound, Oxford University foundations and the original inspiration for writers such as JR Tolkien and CS Lewis. Making this urban sprawl is an insult to the community and those that were here before us, causing Oxford to suffer a huge loss.
5. Need for housing - I understand there is a need for housing, due to the increased population. If the council deeply researched the area, the finding would show adequate sites for development which would not impinge on this village and surrounding villages, as much as the areas suggested.

I hope that you consider the points made above by someone who has lived here for 25 years and is a valued member of the community.

Yours Sincerely,

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