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Q1 Do you consider the Local Plan is Legally Compliant?	No
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Q4 Please give details of why you consider the Local Plan is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the duty to co-operate. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of the Local Plan or its compliance with the duty to co-operate, please also use this box to set out your comments.

We are writing about the proposal to release land around Wootton from Green Belt protection. As residents of Wootton Village for over thirty years, we are very sad to think how in future years, the nature of the village could be changed completely. The green areas around are important features and the fine views up to Boars Hill from Henwood and Lamborough Hill and from Boars Hill over the fields and village should not be spoilt.

All three proposed sites would access onto roads that are already very busy. Area 9 would feed even more traffic onto the road through Wootton Village, which is already used as a rat run between Foxcombe Road and Cumnor Road. At peak times when the children are going to school and in the evening, the village road and cross roads by the Bystander can be very hectic. Area 10 would access

onto Lamborough Hill, a road that was considered to be an accident "Black Spot" several years ago, warranting the installation of a speed camera and Area 23, onto Lamborough Hill by the Bystander cross roads and Community Centre or opposite Dry Sandford School. Journeys into Oxford and Abingdon at peak times are already very long and must be getting quite close to impossible.

Area 9 seems to include St. Peter's Church and graveyard and also the houses and gardens bordering the village road and Area 23 includes the Community Centre which has only been refurbished in the last few years, the football pitch and play area.

More houses will put pressure on the primary schools in both Wootton and Dry Sandford. The branch surgery in Wootton has recently been closed so even more people will need to travel into Botley or Abingdon for G.P. appointments.

We do hope that you will reconsider your proposed changes. There is no way that any building on these sites would have anything but an adverse impact on the open character of the Green Belt.