

STOP REMOVAL OF OUR GREEN BELT

Mole Valley District Council have submitted plans to the Government to remove areas of green belt land in and around Dorking to enable developers to build houses. As much as we really do appreciate the need for more houses in our area we do not consider taking green belt land for this purpose a particularly sensible way forward. There are alternatives such as higher density housing (maisonettes etc.,) on areas like Pixham Lane which would then avoid any building on the precious green belt.

By taking this land out of the green belt to build on we will all suffer, as a bare minimum, the following consequences:

- ◆ Loss of openness and views from Denbies hillside and the Nower.
- ◆ Loss of viable farmland in constant use at the moment.
- ◆ Loss of nature corridors for local wildlife.
- ◆ Increased light pollution due to increased population density.
- ◆ Decrease in local wildlife due to removal of habitat.
- ◆ Loss of local flora and fauna.
- ◆ Increased traffic congestion due to increased population density.
- ◆ Increased air pollution due to increased traffic congestion.
- ◆ Negative impact on our climate emergency targets.
- ◆ Loss of green space needed to provide clean air.
- ◆ Up to 4 years of construction traffic on the A25 Westcott Road.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

The planning inspector is carrying out her investigations at the moment and will accept comments from interested parties who wish to make their views known. You can complete the form opposite and return it to the address on the form by either email or post no later than 5.00pm on Monday 27th June 2022.

If you would like to be more involved then email westdorkingrg@gmail.com, visit our website, <https://e-voice.org.uk/wdrg/> or join our Facebook group, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/WDRGroup>

Dear Programme Officer,

I write to register my objections to the plans submitted to you by Mole Valley District Council for consideration by the government appointed inspector Roisin Barratt (Hons) MSc MRTPI IHBC.

I am writing at this stage in order to make representation about the land Mole Valley District Council have re-designated from green belt to built up area in order to meet their housing targets.

I question the legality of this action on the part of Mole Valley District Council as their re-designation is flawed in its justification. Their own assessment classified this land as making at least a moderate contribution to the green belt, they have then applied a second set of criteria calling them 'Exceptional Circumstances' in order to provide the justification for removal of these areas from the green belt, it is these exceptional circumstances which are not accurate in their application.

I would also like to object to this on the grounds of :

Loss of openness and views from Denbies hillside and the Nower.

Loss of viable farmland in constant use at the moment.

Loss of nature corridors for local wildlife.

Increased light pollution due to increased population density.

Decrease in local wildlife due to removal of habitat.

Loss of local flora and fauna.

Increased traffic congestion due to increased population density.

Increased air pollution due to increased traffic congestion.

Negative impact on our climate emergency targets.

Loss of green space needed to provide clean air.

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