



This land needs to remain as it is for so many reasons:

Food to feed the nation is grown here. How are we supposed to sustain ourselves as a nation if agricultural land is bulldozed in the name of progress? Have the shortages of the pandemic and the ongoing war in Ukraine taught us anything?

Impact on climate change - fields, woods and streams contribute to climate resilience as well as acting as a 'green lung' limiting spread and preventing neighbouring settlements from merging.

The woodlands are home to wildlife - how many more species have to be placed on the endangered list before the council says 'enough is enough' and halts this type of development.

This land is a haven for people to walk and recharge their batteries and aid their mental health - crucial in all our lives since the pandemic set in, disrupting lives and restricting travel. Many people (me being one of them) purchased their homes because of the views - ripping it away with this development will seriously affect people's mental health adding to the burden of an overstretched health service.

The roads are busy enough as it is - easily and often becoming backed up because of one small incident. Additional cars will only add to environment pollution, once again affecting people's health and burdening the health service.

David Cameron's government may have sanctioned the building on green belt, but just because you can doesn't mean that you should. There are numerous brown field sites within the region that the council should be focusing on for development rather than decimating the countryside.

Surely the council cannot fail to understand that the aspirations and needs of the local community are for this land to remain exactly as it is, so it can meet the needs of the community AND the nation in more ways than one.