



I wish to object to this development.

What is the green belt for?

A green belt's main role is to be open land between town and countryside to buffer urban sprawl. It's typically a patchwork of farms, golf courses and woodlands largely free of built development, which makes it green up to a point. The green belt idea started in the 1930s to protect the surrounding countryside from creeping urbanisation. Today, 14 green belts cover about 13% of land in England.

In 2015 the Conservatives manifesto pledged to protect the green belt and when current chancellor Sajid Javid MP became Communities Secretary, he said green belts were "sacrosanct". In its 2018 planning rules, the government said it "attaches great importance to green belts" and that "Green belt boundaries should only be altered where exceptional circumstances" occur. Some housing is allowed. The rules permit "limited affordable housing for local community needs".

This development breaks and exploits this rule.

The surrounding highways are already at bursting point. These will only get worse with the new developments currently under construction at Owl Lane, Soothill, Shawcross & McDonald's open 24/7.

Greenbelt is for nature. To save our decreasing wildlife habitats & bird populations. Chidswell is a wildlife haven for wildlife, birds and birds of prey. Greenbelt is for flood control, food and climate. The whole world is facing a climate crisis we need to protect our green spaces & woodland for our future generations! There are plenty of old and disused sites, brownfield areas etc around Dewsbury that could have affordable and social housing developments built on them for the housing crisis and recession the UK is currently in.