

Hands off our Green Belt!

Over the next 15 years:

- **Green Belt land lost to thousands of new homes in southern Bedfordshire**
- **Huge pressure on our transport systems and services**
- **Development impacting the Chilterns Hills AONB**

South Bedfordshire is set to **lose 5 square miles** of Green Belt land to development, including **13,000 new homes**. And there could be more to come as Luton and London Borough Councils push for more homes outside their current boundaries.

Green Belt land around our towns in southern Bedfordshire for many years has done a good job of preventing unrestricted sprawl, with towns and villages keeping separate identities and protecting our valuable countryside.

Despite being protected in national planning guidance, Green Belt land is under immense pressure from unsustainable levels of housing development.

Yet there is capacity for at least one million homes on suitable brownfield land - previously developed sites - in England's towns and cities*, many of which could be built in the south east.

Building new homes on these brownfield sites rather than open countryside can regenerate towns and cities, keeping housing close to services and transport links - we'd like to see London and Luton Borough making better use of these sites.

If you care about the countryside, please speak to your local and national election candidates, and ask them to stand up for the Green Belt:

- **Protect the Green Belt and Chiltern Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty from development**
- **Brownfield first - develop previously-developed or derelict sites in our towns and cities first**
- **Homes for local people - assess local housing need on the basis of local need only - not London overspill**

Overleaf is a poster - please display this in your window to show support for our countryside.

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*From Wasted Spaces to Living Spaces, CPRE Report - <http://www.cpre.org.uk/resources/housing-and-planning/housing/item/3785-from-wasted-space-to-living-spaces>

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