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Dear Louise,

Please will you relay the following to the Inspector:

I believe that the allocation of building on Greenbelt is unsound in this plan and ask that the Inspector instructs/advises NSDC to remove Greenbelt from the plan.

In view of the fact that government targets have been removed and that building is now acceptable in smaller villages (ie not just so called 'sustainable' sites) there are no 'exceptional circumstances' to require the Greenbelt to be built on.

Prior to the revocation Notts County Council (NCC) stated that Dale Lane Greenbelt was 'not crucial to the plan.' As stated before the loose assessment of Dale Lane Greenbelt by NSDC was based on a false statement by the officer - the site is in fact an open and prominent gateway site. No other independent assessments were sought by NSDC.

Blidworth being closely on the fringe of Gedling BC and Mansfield DC means I have searched for evidence at NSDC of Duty to Co-operate and have found no letters, no minutes of meetings, no records of conversations - on this basis alone allocation of Greenbelt land in Blidworth and Rainworth is unsound. Whilst verbal reports were given to the Inspector by officers of NSDC I feel that there is a lack of evidence of co-operation with adjoining councils. Allocation of Greenbelt without co-operation with such closely adjoining councils is unsound. Even without the greenbelt Blidworth and Rainworth would still be contributing massively to the housing plan. Blidworth is giving up a meadow field, its allotments and a further site.

Insufficient assessment of the infrastructure relating to highways also make this allocation of greenbelt unsound (one casualty every 6 weeks and one death every 3 years on Blidworth's roads - NCC figures.)

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

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