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The LDF proposal to build in Dinnington and Anston

Dear Mr Battersby

I object to the development of the Greenbelt and other green spaces in Dinnington and Anston.

The Local Community, Wildlife and Crop Yield Will Suffer

At a time when the UK is trying to reduce its dependence on grain and oil imports, and is committed to reducing its carbon footprint and pollution, the Council comes up with a plan that is diametrically opposed to the national policy.

There is high biodiversity in the area to the east of Dinnington and Anston, much of which is welcomed into our gardens, giving us a better quality of life, especially young children.

The loss of this open space will remove much of the countryside used for exercise, play areas for children and a 'feel good factor' for the hundreds of residents who appreciate it.

Pressure will increase on emergency services, schools, doctors' surgeries and local hospitals.

As for the some of the roads, they are in a poor state of repair not having recovered from the severe winter frosts. Is it a good idea to put even more traffic onto the roads, especially roads to the east that are little more than country lanes?

Central government has a policy of reducing flooding. Everyone is aware that building on farmland and other green spaces increases the risk. Local government has a policy of needing planning permission to cover even moderate areas of garden with impermeable materials. What will happen when there is heavy rainfall in zones LDF0219, LDF0220 and the north slope of LDF0216? Here are two scenarios:

Scenario 1 – In the unfortunate event of Yorkshire Water's pumps failing (as happened in Goole on the 3 August 2011), the traditional pond will no doubt form, as now, in the bottom of the fields LDF216 and LDF220 with potential flooding to homes in Birkdale Avenue, Wentworth Way, Turnberry Way, Moortown Avenue and Belfry Way

Scenario 2 – the pumps do not fail. All the floodwater goes somewhere downstream, Worksop perhaps?

Building on derelict land eg LDF0240 is perceived as being positive; it benefits the community and improves the environment.

I urge you to reconsider the destruction of this highly valued resource and the well being of the community.

Yours sincerely

Signed

Date