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To: Erewash Core Strategy Review

from miss Sue Shaw

Respondent number 1074



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Dear Miny,

As a respondent fairly new to the area I feel I must express a personal more objection to the proposed allocation of around 80% of the total Erewash allocation being sited in and around Ilkeston, and in particular, on the Kirk Hallam green belt. This is neither decent nor fair when there are still brown field sites available, which appear to have been deemed 'less sustainable'.

Green Belt Example: Pioneer Meadows. (Kirk Hallam)

The plans show a complete strangulation of this small, yet mature nature reserve. How is it thought that it will survive surrounded by urban sprawl? Biodiversity *will* decline as species are driven away with no access to habitat. There are some ancient and old trees as you can tell by their height and girth which are irreplaceable.

As a conservation volunteer I have seen the results of beauty spots amidst sprawl degraded with litter, vandalism and *much worse* (fly tipping; tormentation of wild fowl including separation of young from parents, and even being kicked to death).

Brown Field Example: Western Mere School. (Breaston)

This is one of the sites strangely deemed 'less sustainable' and dismissed. As an old 'Breastonian', we are well aware that a construction company holds the land north of the village. Since the schools demolition there has always been speculation about it's inevitable fate.

The boundary between Breaston and Draycott is signified, to locals anyway, by the railway track and bridge that crosses Draycott road. Any build further north could easily respect that boundary.

Utilization of said land would certainly ease the burden being placed further north.

I am extremely concerned about other aspects of these proposals, as again, I am relatively new to the area having moved during a time of personal and *national distress*, so not been aware of the impact of the revised development in the time given to raise objections. I feel, because of restrictions at that time, the public were not fully consulted about the changes. This is not a NIMBY whinge. It's about fairness and protecting valuable green belt for the sake of all.

Were the public actually informed the area would become a conurbation?

Yours Sincerely
Sue Shaw