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Dear Ms Schofield

Please find below my Statement regarding the Erewash Core Strategy Review, thank you.

I was very upset to discover that our beautiful Green Belt might be used for housing, and also that the character of our historical village was to be ripped away by the “centre” moving to the outskirts, not in the centre at all!

Why do we need a new “centre”? Presumably this is referring to the area where the shops are based? These shops, dentist and Community Hall have been used by Kirk Hallam people for many years, they are situated in the “centre” of the village and are easily reached by disabled and elderly people, so by putting a new “centre” on the outskirts of Kirk Hallam, out of the reach of many residents but easily within the reach of younger and fitter new households, is crazy.

The Green Belt land in question is used by many people for health giving walks and it is so sad that our dwindling nature will be pushed aside for houses that could be built elsewhere on brownfield land.

The nature reserve of Pioneer Meadows, so popular to Kirk Hallam people for many years, is to be hemmed in by houses, giving the creatures no chance of entering or leaving the site. I was so angry when I read that a nature reserve is to be built on the former Pewit Golf Course, in Ilkeston, why? There is a lovely nature reserve already in place, and of long standing, at Kirk Hallam and the Green Belt is also a mighty protector to the natural world, which should always, always be protected.

Is it because Kirk Hallam people are not worthy of beautiful places to enjoy, is it because the village was selected for a large housing estate during the 1950s and another in the 1970s and now Erewash Borough Council is of the mindset to just throw more urbanisation at us as we already have so much?

Yours faithfully

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