

Keyworth and district
 **Labour**

30 Walton Drive,
Keyworth, NG12 5FP,
14th February 2016.

The Planning Policy Manager, Rushcliffe Borough Council.

Dear Richard Mapletoft,

We welcome the opportunity to comment on the draft Local Plan part 2 and associated Green Belt review. Many of us will also make individual comments and be involved in other groups making collective comments however there are three key points we would like to make together:

1: We do not think that the land at the end of Platt Lane designated KEY C is suitable for housing. It should not be removed from the green belt. Keyworth today is socially and geographically cohesive. To build on a remote detached site would fragment the village and risk leaving those living there relatively isolated.

2: Removing land from the Green Belt is a serious and irreversible step to take. It should not be taken unless we are certain the land will be used to provide the homes the community needs. That requires 30% minimum of homes to be affordable with an appropriate number of homes to be available for social renting. The remaining 70% of homes should also include a suitable balance of housing types and sizes to reflect needs.

3: There is a particular need for sheltered accommodation for those less capable through age. Debdale House was closed. We have repeatedly been promised that it would be replaced. That has not yet happened but it needs to happen. Indeed the requirement now would appear to be for more units than were then lost.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Kemp (Cllr.)
Secretary

Kevin Fitzgerald (Cllr.)
Chair