Dear Planning Officer

I am extremely concerned to hear about the proposed plan to significantly increase the level of housing in the Rushcliffe area in general and specifically in East Bridgford, where it is proposed to utilise Green Belt land for this purpose.

The proposed use of Green Belt land for housing development is strategically flawed as this does not consider the importance of Green Belt agricultural land in maintaining future food security in the UK. The UK Cross Government programme on food security [https://www.foodsecurity.ac.uk/challenge/](https://www.foodsecurity.ac.uk/challenge/) highlights the global challenge as it is estimated that we need to produce more food in the next 35 years than has been produced in the whole of human history. This is despite no new land being made available for agriculture and increasing competition from urbanisation. On a UK level this is of even greater importance given the rapidly increasing population and political uncertainty of future trade deals including those linked to animal and human food supply.

The Green Belt land contributes to the ecosystem vital for food production and maintains essential wildlife routes around our village linking to those of the Trent Valley. Once destroyed it can never be replaced. The agricultural and environmental impact of such erosion of open space can readily be seen in the Greater Manchester area of the North West of England where my mother still lives.

While sustainable transport is seen as key to minimise environmental impact, the ability to achieve this is extremely limited within East Bridgford given the lack of public or alternative transport other than the use of motor vehicles. Moreover, being one of the few cyclists who actually commute to work in Nottingham from the village, I personally have experienced first hand the impact of increased traffic on the lanes around East Bridgford and throughout the Rushcliffe area. This is not just the increased number of 'near misses' but the general deterioration of minor roads where potholes (even when repaired) place cyclist in danger of accidents.

For the above reasons I therefore strongly oppose the proposal to significantly increase the number of houses in East Bridgford, especially using Green Belt land.

Your faithfully

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