

Dear Sir/Madam,

As a long-term resident of Bygrave I am appalled by the extent of the proposed development allocated in this area.

I agree there is need for more housing and affordable housing in the area but the proposed addition of effectively a new town/settlement adjacent to the Bygrave Road is completely out proportion to what the area can sustain.

I would draw your attention to the Governments recommendations regarding Green Belt land as discussed in December 2014.

"On 4 October 2014 the Government announced that it had updated its online Planning Practice Guidance. The aim of this was to reaffirm local authorities' abilities to "safeguard their local area against urban sprawl, and protect the green lungs around towns and cities". Government said that it wanted to make planning policy clear that housing need does not justify the harm done to the green belt by inappropriate development."

There are numerous reasons why the proposed plan is in the wrong place including:-

- destroying prime agricultural land with the associated loss of jobs and food production
- overloading existing road networks particularly the A505/A507 junction and traffic flow under the railway bridge which is regularly hit with existing traffic numbers.
- there is no provision for increased jobs in the area so the people coming into the area will most likely be travelling out of the area which will put pressure on an already inadequate train service or increase car numbers on the A1 which is now a bottle neck at rush hour.

If the number of houses stated are needed in this area it would seem prudent to find a site which would allow a new complete settlement to be created along the lines of a new Garden City principle with all the associated infrastructure and support needed rather than by infilling and destroying existing stable communities.

I sincerely hope you will take into account the points raised by the many opponents to this plan and find a viable alternative.

Yours sincerely,

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I propose that a longer term goal should be to create a new settlement that is not dependent on

existing towns for basic services and follows Garden City principles. This plan should take that into account.

I propose that the council look again at cooperation with Cambridgeshire to create a new settlement near Odsey

I propose that the council look again at using the site West of A1(M) at Stevenage to meet the

current housing need. (Ref: Section 12 part 3)

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