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## Save Our Green Belt

### News from the campaign to protect Broxtowe's green belt

Hello again,

I have some very concerning news about Field Farm - the stretch of green belt land between Stapleford and Trowell next to Ilkeston Road. The developers have released their plans to build 450 houses (see below). This is Broxtowe Borough Council's "preferred site" though they have assured us there is no "done deal". That is not how many of us see the Council's plans to allow upto 4,000 houses on our green belt.

**Please use the links below to make your views known to the developers.**

There are a number of important public meetings coming up (please scroll down) and my thanks to everyone who attended Saturday's public meeting in Nuthall. I have included a report and an update on plans to develop the airfield/Rolls Royce site at Hucknall.

As ever,  
Anna



As many residents will remember, Field Farm has been fought over before, and last time the developers backed off.

Everyone who wants to protect this part of our green belt needs to work together again. Broxtowe Borough Council has made Field Farm its "preferred site" so it's going to be a tough battle.

In my view, Broxtowe was wrong to single out Field Farm as suitable for development. and to accept the last Government's housing target ; something they did not have to do.

Broxtowe, should follow Labour controlled Ashfield and Conservative run Rushcliffe and decide its own housing needs, and wait for the powers of the Coalition's Localism Bill which gives communities the right to make their own decisions on sustainable development and scraps the old housing targets.

### Field Farm plans revealed

Developers have revealed their plans to build 450 houses on Field Farm between Stapleford and Trowell in leaflets delivered to residents.

Westermans say they are ready to submit a planning application to Broxtowe Borough Council. You can view their plans at [www.fieldfarm.info](http://www.fieldfarm.info)

Field Farm is important green belt land because it has prevented Stapleford and Trowell from sprawling into each other; this was the original purpose of green belt land.

Field Farm is also a lovely expanse of open countryside especially enjoyed by people who live near to it. It has become a haven for wildlife in recent years.

The planning application is likely to be approved by the Council given they have made the area a "preferred site" before consulting with residents. Last month Broxtowe changed their minds about green belt land between Toton and Stapleford which is now not a "preferred site".

Please tell Westermans what you think about their plans e mail them on [feedback@fieldfarm.info](mailto:feedback@fieldfarm.info)

Please also attend the Community Action Team meeting in Stapleford (full details below) on November 24th.

Every Minister I have spoken to, including Eric Pickles, the Secretary of State, has made it clear that Councils do **not** have to accept the old targets and that green belt land should be protected from development.

*Ilkeston Road, Coventry Lane and Trowell Road are already over congested - 450 more houses will make a bad situation intolerable. If you use any of these roads then have your say email the developers on [feedback@fieldfarm.info](mailto:feedback@fieldfarm.info) and please copy me in [anna.soubry.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:anna.soubry.mp@parliament.uk)*

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Stapleford CAT Meeting**  
Thursday Nov. 24th  
Pasture Road Community Church.

**Stapleford residents have an opportunity to make their views known about the future of Field Farm**

**Greasley Public Meeting**  
Saturday 26th Nov.  
Greasley Parish Hall.  
2pm - 4pm

Everyone welcome. Join the campaign to save our green belt around Greasley, Newthorpe, Watnall, Giltbrook and Kimberley.

**Get the facts about how the Government will protect out green belt by clicking [here](#)**

**Trowell Parish Council says NO**  
Trowell Parish Councillors overwhelmingly voted **against** any development on Field Farm at their October meeting.

## Nuthall Public Meeting success



Thank you to everyone who attended Saturday's public meeting in Nuthall to defend the area's green belt. Over 150 people from Nuthall, Watnall, and Kimberley came along as well as members of Greasley Parish Council.

There was anger at the lack of public consultation over the Council's "Core Strategy" - plans to allow up to 4,000 houses on green belt land throughout the Borough. There was widespread opposition to any build on green belt sites including the Moor Green Show Ground.

My thanks to local Councillors Jill and Philip Owen, Derek Burnett, Paul Simpson and Nita Green who organised the meeting and provided details of the sites being put forward in a slide presentation.

## Ashfield halts their local development plan

According to their web site Ashfield District Council has halted its plans for development because of the forthcoming Localism Bill.

The Council was considering allowing hundreds of houses on Hucknall Airfield/Rolls Royce site which would impact on people living in the Watnall and Nuthall area. I will now write to Ashfield asking them to allow residents from "over the border" to have their say in any future public consultation.

**Keep up to date with the campaign at [www.annasoubry.org.uk](http://www.annasoubry.org.uk)  
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