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Hello Sir Gavin Williamson,

Ref: Housing Numbers allocated through the Local Plan under the Duty to Co-operate (DtC).

I am particularly concerned about the number of houses being proposed to be built in Wombourne under the local plan.

As a resident with roots in the village going back generations, the proposed number of houses will be nothing short of devastating to Wombourne and in particular the green belt surrounding it. We must ensure that green belt becomes untouched. It is what gives the English countryside it's character and it's everlasting appeal. As soon as the bulldozers destroy it, that character and charm has gone forever and Wombourne will just become another West Midlands town. That special feeling the place has that can't be explained will forever be gone.

I totally appreciate and utterly understand there is a need for quality housing, and an alternative strategy must be considered to protect our unique and beautiful South Staffordshire countryside.

A substantial green border around our villages must be maintained at all costs. To me this is of absolute paramount importance, and I am afraid the local plan does not seem to quite maintain this effectively.

In Wombourne in particular, the entire industrial areas are in urgent need for serious redevelopment. This could be redone to accommodate both housing, retail, leisure and business. May I bring to your attention the Copart site, this alone could accommodate substantial housing, so to could the former sewage works next to Sainsbury's.

I do hope also that common sense does prevail and the plots for travellers are completely abolished, and this is not from a prejudice point of view.

In summary I completely reject the local plan and consider it flawed. It will destroy the character and feel of Wombourne, and I do hope you also share these views and do everything in your power to stop this going ahead?

Kindest Regards,

Mr. Jamie Richardson
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