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**\*\*Response Against Building on Green Belt Land on the lawns wood and gorse friar sites \*\***

The proposal to build on green belt land in South Staffordshire raises significant environmental and infrastructural concerns. The green belt serves as a vital buffer against urban sprawl, preserving the character and biodiversity of our countryside. Development on such land not only threatens the natural habitats and agricultural value of these areas but also undermines efforts to combat climate change by increasing carbon emissions associated with new construction .

Moreover, the lack of existing infrastructure to support new developments in green belt areas can lead to increased traffic, pressure on local services, and a higher demand for resources, which the area may not be equipped to handle. This can result in a diminished quality of life for both new and existing residents.

On the other hand, brownfield sites present a more sustainable and pragmatic option for development. These previously developed lands often have existing infrastructure, such as roads and utilities, which can be upgraded or repurposed to accommodate new growth<sup>6</sup>. By focusing on brownfield sites, we can revitalize urban areas, reduce the need for greenfield development, and preserve the green belt for future generations.

Building on brownfield sites also aligns with the principles of sustainable development, as it promotes the efficient use of land and resources, encourages urban regeneration, and minimizes environmental impact . It is a strategic approach that balances the need for housing with the imperative to protect our natural environment.

In conclusion, while the need for additional housing is acknowledged, it is imperative that we prioritize brownfield development over green belt construction. This approach not only safeguards our cherished green spaces but also offers a more sustainable solution to our housing needs.

Yours sincerely Mr Tony Harris

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