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**Subject:** Proposal to build on greenbelt in the Tong Valley

**Attachments:** Tong Valley - after.jpg; Tong Valley - before.png; Lower Field BD4.png

After I saw the notices about the proposal to to allow 1800 new homes to be built in the Tong Valley I had a look at the affected area on the map, and I am writing to express my concerns.

Comparing the map showing the area as it is now with the size of the proposed development indicates that it would obliterate a large amount of farmland and natural woodland, which have significant amenity value to the people who live locally.

If block SE101 is included we are looking at more than 3000 new homes in an area where the roads are already highly congested (Tong street is gridlocked during the morning and evening rush hour periods 7:00 am to 9:00 pm and 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm) and we would need significantly more main roads to allow people in the new houses to get in and out.

There are still empty areas of land within the city which could be used for housing although it would require more financial cost and imagination. There is a large area of unused grassland sloping down from Sticker Lane to Lower Lane (shown on the attached map "Lower Field BD4" (a small part is covered by block SE-024) which could be considered before you build on any more greenbelt.

I know there are problems with building on brownfield sites, polluted land, old mine workings, a sloping site, but each building plot will be worth about £40,000 so some money will be available for the cost of reclamation.

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