

Although climate change is at the forefront, BMBC are lacking in the benefits of greenbelt land or the impact on the community. Brownfield sites should not be ignored in favour of profits before people or in favour of more convenient sites for development. Our main concerns therefore are; 1. Impact on climate change. 2. Increase in traffic and car use in the immediate and surrounding area which will lead to increase in air and noise pollution and an increase in the carbon footprint. 3. Urban sprawl, over-populating the area and thus leading to loss of identity of villages of Gawber, Barugh Green, Pogmoor, Higham and Redbrook. 4. Habitat degradation and loss of trees, plants, animals, wildlife and farmland. 5. Methane emission from previous mining work – an issue raised in previous planning applications. 6. Irreversible loss of open countryside and negative environmental, social and ecological impact.