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Dear Councillors

I am writing to express my horror at the scale of development intended for the area of Barkby. & Barkby Thorpe which includes the designation of large and small greenfield sites..

We are being called on to save wildlife and the planet. Unfortunately a motto of "build, build, build" does not fit in with a plan to save the environment. Already this year there have been less birds and pollinators in this area. There have also been unprecedented floods in the wake of climate change. Unfortunately any plan to build on flood plains is a recipe for disaster. At the same time, "flood protection" is a vain hope as Nature does not take note of human activity but is just as easily destroyed by reckless "progress"

We need green areas more than ever to enable wildlife corridors which is a feeble attempt to save our natural inheritance.

In human terms it is already obvious on many occasions that the infrastructure is not adequate now let alone for future increases in population.. The islands at Thurmaston and Barkbythorpe Lane ,as well as the Asda/Thurmaston shopping area island, have seen traffic brought to a standstill on a number of occasions recently and the thought of more cars coming along is inconceivable. The air pollution alone is a dreadful thought.

We need to keep green spaces between our local villages for the sake of the well-being of humans and nature. During the Covid situation many people have found solace in using green spaces and need to continue to do so.

Another consideration is to provide HOMES as opposed to houses. Space is important as is affordable "housing" but we have had too many houses built in this area already. The assumption that everyone should have a house is now misguided. .A bigger variety of homes is necessary.

There is a real danger of our villages and towns being joined together which will not benefit the well-being of the human population and will destroy many habitats for wildlife . This too will impact on our lifestyle . The loss of pollinators and green spaces will put the human population at risk as well as the Natural World. This is an important matter. Providing for a greener future is an urgent priority for future generations

The wellbeing of the planet should have priority over profits.

[REDACTED] area for a number of generations and I would like to be instrumental in protecting the area for the future.

Yours faithfully

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