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Dear Sir,

I have the following comments on the above document:

para 1.8. There are numerous references, of which this paragraph is a good example, of the need to identify suitable areas for development of homes jobs and infrastructure while balancing this with the need to protect the environment. It is encouraging to see that rural environment is being given due “strategic priority”. This is also apparent in paras 1.18 to 1.20 with mentions of “villages and rural areas” and “special landscape character”.

para 2.44 This policy reinforces the need to maintain and enhance to countryside landscape to prevent any further degradation of rural character and avoid loss of habitat to the wealth of species of flora and fauna we have in our borough.

Inset Map 42. I am fortunate enough to live in the area covered by this map and am delighted to note that the designated countryside need is recognised here and its rural character is being protected from inappropriate development.

In summary this draft looks promising for our future.

Yours faithfully,

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