

Save Duffield Green Belt

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Dear Supporter

We need your help!

The threat of permanent loss of green belt land in Duffield remains and this would see the construction of hundreds of additional houses.

Whilst all political parties in Amber Valley have stated that they will protect the green belt, this does not guarantee that the local plan being developed by the Council will not call for the deletion of green belt land.

Thank you for your support in the recent public consultation which clearly highlighted that protecting the green belt was by far the biggest issue and the option to delete land from the greenbelt was the least favoured option. Unfortunately, there is no guarantee that this clear opinion will be reflected in the pre-submission local plan which will be put before the Council in June.

It is almost three years since we started the SDGB campaign group in response to a local plan which proposed to remove 14 parcels of land from the green belt for development across Amber Valley. Two of these parcels of land were in Duffield and were designated locations to build 245 houses. This would mean around 1,000 additional residents to a current population of only 5000 – placing a significant extra burden on our schools, surgeries and already congested roads.

We now face a repeat of this same scenario later this year when the Council publish the new local plan ahead of their Full Council meeting scheduled for June 2022. Even if the local plan doesn't initially include any green belt sites, the examination and review process could potentially see green belt sites included at a later stage before the plan is officially adopted. The time to act is upon us again.

It is therefore crucial that we are prepared and can put forward a robust defence of the green belt and ensure that the Council have fully explored and delivered every other possible option before they consider deleting greenbelt land in order to build hundreds of new houses in Duffield.

Having been through this process almost three years ago, I know just how much effort is required in order to keep the village updated on what is going on through meetings, newsletters and leaflet drops as well as the time, effort and expense of putting together response documents to counter any possible proposals for green belt deletion.

There are a number of key roles and support tasks where we need your help to ensure that we are prepared and can deliver a robust and effective response.

These are;

- Social media management (Facebook / Instagram)
- Email campaign management (Mailchimp)
- Leaflet printing and delivery
- Public relations – engaging with local press
- Events management; securing venues for village meetings and any necessary a/v equipment

- Fundraising manager; promotion and management of the GoFundMe platform
- Legal, local governance framework

By sharing the workload across a number of people we can deliver a **more** effective response to the local plan.

These volunteer support roles would only be for a few hours each week and represent great experience for anyone looking to develop or demonstrate their skills in these areas. If you could help support us, or you know someone who might be interested in one of these critical volunteer support roles, please do get in touch for a chat.

In the meantime, we will continue to follow the development of the local plan closely and keep you updated.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us via our [website](#) or contact us at saveduffieldgreenbelt@gmail.com

Please do forward this update to friends, family and colleagues across Amber Valley

Kind regards,

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