

SDGB Newsletter

Local elections – May 2022; keeping you informed

With the local elections looming, we thought it would be helpful for residents to have a clear understanding of each party's policy on the Green Belt and the Local Plan. Fifteen of ~~The forthcoming local election will see 15 of the forty-five~~ 45 seats on Amber Valley Borough Council are up for election, with one of these seats being in Duffield. It is, therefore an important opportunity for people to make their voice heard.

~~Save Duffield Green Belt is not a political organisation and we remain focused on the objectives set out in the Group's constitution.~~

Through our newsletters and other updates, ~~we we have~~ we always sought to provide a robust and accurate perspective on the events ~~which are~~ likely to impact on Save Duffield Green Belt's ~~these~~ objectives. ~~The group is not a political organisation and, in keeping supporters and residents informed, we always~~ The forthcoming local election will see 15 of the 45 seats on Amber Valley Borough Council up for election with one of these seats being in Duffield.

~~As in previous local elections, we endeavour to remain politically neutral.~~

Consequently, we have asked ~~each all local~~ political parties to respond to for their comments and we have consolidated these responses, without alternation below. These verbatim comments are in response to the same five questions regarding Green Belt issues and we present their responses in full ~~which we put to each group~~. The questions are:

1. Please explain your manifesto position regarding the inclusion of any green belt sites in the ~~Amber~~ Valley Borough Council pre-submission local plan.²
2. Will you commit to providing full transparency and regular updates on the local plan development process, including any representations received regarding building on green belt sites from developers and land promoters?
3. Please confirm that you would not vote in favour of, support, or accept any areas of Duffield green belt being included in the local plan for housing or economic development at any stage of the plan development process?
4. Please confirm that you would object to, oppose and vote against any future attempts to include green belt sites in the local plan at any stage of its development prior to its adoption?
5. What actions will you take to ensure that Amber Valley Borough Council delivers a local plan which protects the green belt and is robust, sound and deliverable?

Each party's response is available below.

- Conservative Party
- Green Party
- Labour Party
- Liberal Democrats

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The response we received from each party is as follows;