

Matter 6 Written Statement – Susan Jamson (789)

- 1) Please see criticism under Matter1 re the Arup assessments GB1 and GB2. For the reasons stated there the assessments are considered to be flawed.
- 2) Please refer to GB1.3 - Appendix GB3 - Green Belt Assessment Pt 2. Arup's critique of the Council's logic and conclusions is quite severe. Page 11, section A25 and page 17 sect E33 find numerous faults.
- 3) The "exceptional circumstances" on which WDC relies are a product of the planners judgement. The ARUP report (flawed as it is) does not make that judgement on behalf of WDC.

The only motivation for such a conclusion by WDC is to build more homes. However there exists a MOU between WDC and Aylesbury Vale that provides for any unmet need to be taken up by Aylesbury Vale. Ergo there are no "exceptional circumstances".

Member of Parliament Steve Baker has publicly stated that simply building homes does not equate to exceptional circumstances.

The additional homes towards assessed need as a result of taking land out of Green Belt is 520. However the price to be paid in terms of habitat, air quality, merging of settlements, pressure on infrastructure etc is disproportionate.

Ian, I really can't say more than Keith. He has studied the Local Plan and also the Arup Report.

I trust that when Nicola Gulley does a site visit – she, as a Planning Inspector and not a builder will see the benefits of the Green Belt. It is very sad that Ms Gulley will be visiting the area when the schools are on their summer vacation. As you know the roads are considerably quieter and Ms Gulley will not see the traffic chaos from Holmer Green Upper School and Holmer Green Middle School – all on the same road that will be the access to the new development! The village cannot cope with the numbers in the village at present – let alone another development. Is there a possibility that Ms Gulley can visit the village on a normal working day during term time?