

I/We wish to object strongly to the development plans for South East Dorset in the Draft South West Regional Spatial Strategy.

I/We are particularly concerned with the proposed loss of Greenbelt, particularly around Wimborne where I/we live which could have a disastrous effect on our environmentally sensitive areas and lead to urban sprawl and the joining of historic towns and villages.

I/we consider that the decisions concerning the number of new houses and where they should be built should be left to our local democratically elected council and that we should not be dictated to by central government who do not have the necessary knowledge of our area.

I/we wish to object strongly to plans through the South West Regional Spatial Strategy to build 1000,s of new houses on greenbelt in the South East Dorset area.

I/We live in the Wimborne area where some of this housing is being proposed on our precious greenbelt which we had always been lead to believe was safe from development.

Apart from the proposed greenbelt loss, our area is surrounded by environmentally sensitive areas and the proposed massive building programme could seriously damage these and also lead to urban sprawl, swallowing up towns and villages to become one homogenous urban area.

I/We feel that Central Government is not listening to local people and councils who are in a much better position to know what is required locally. What has happened to democracy?

I/we wish to object strongly to the South West Regional Spatial Strategy to build 1000's of new houses in South East Dorset and in particular on greenbelt around Wmborne where I live.

I/We live in a very special part of the country surrounded by environmentally sensitive areas with rare fauna and flora which we feel would be threatened by the proposed encroachment into Greenbelt by house building. L/We also consider that if land is taken out of greenbelt for housing at this time, the precedent will have been set for further encroachment in the future, resulting in urban sprawl.

I/We are very unhappy that decisions of this importance should be dictated by Central Government who have no local knowledge of our area and where there is not the infrastructure (i.e. roads, schools, GP surgeries etc.) to support the proposed increase in the local population.