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I wish to record my opposition to the proposal to build on the Green Belt surrounding the Black Country.

The Green Belt is an important asset that improves the quality of life for people and wildlife. It is an area of recreation where people can communicate with nature. Studies have shown that this reduces stress and improves mental health. Mental illness is at an all time high and the Government has committed to a substantial increase in NHS funding in order to combat it. Loss of the Green Belt will only exacerbate this problem.

Priority must be given to developing brown field sites within the Black Country These areas are ideal for industrial sites and there are plenty of them.

Furthermore with land at a premium we should build up. We need 22,000 homes not 22,000 houses. The redevelopment of the old Austin works at Longbridge is an example of what should be done.

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