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My thoughts on the South Eastern extension Plan.

I wish to register my dissatisfaction with the plan for the area of Appleton and Grappenhall.

**Leisure and recreation space:**

The housing development will take away much leisure amenity from the area and increase the pressure on the use of what is left. Walkers are frequently using Stockton Lane, Grappenhall Heyes and the Dingle and Fords Rough along with the access routes to these main areas. Housing will disrupt the routes and take away the rural amenity surrounding the established woodlands and recreation areas. It is very different walking in a narrow belt of green space surrounded by farmland or open land compared to walking through land surrounded by housing development. As can be seen at Grappenhall Green where the new development has a huge impact on the existing green area. The unique topography of the areas makes it aesthetically pleasing and offers extensive views. All this will be lost completely. People wanting to use the greenbelt will have to travel by car to get to a starting point adding to the congestion and pollution.

**Wildlife:**

Much of the building of houses and roads will take place on diverse habitats which fringe onto established woodland or water making them very rich for wildlife. Builders never effectively compensate for the disruption that development causes. Indeed how can they, once a habitat has been built on it is gone.

**Cost of homes:**

The houses that are built in the area are too expensive for most people to afford and may only attract established buyers who can afford the prices. Too few houses are affordable by first time buyers or one income families. Too few affordable rental properties are being built.

I feel I have covered my main ideas but could go on more.

Regards

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