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BANES Cabinet Statement

A wise man said many years ago that all things lawful are not always advantageous. This applies to the removal of land from the green belt between East Keynsham and Saltford. Green belt land that is valued and appreciated, the usage of which, and the existence of which strengthens the communities around it. It may be that it is within the law to build on it, that does not mean it should be done

It will not be advantageous to pour more traffic onto a road that is already overfull, it will not be advantageous to increase the levels of pollution, noise, and vibration that traffic will bring and the degrading of the quality of life that will bring.

It will not be advantageous to divide a village with more traffic, join Keysham and Saltford together, and lose the individuality of these two separate communities, taking land from the green belt for housing will without doubt cause this to happen over time.

It will not be advantageous to weaken communities by replacing valued and well used green belt land with housing and depriving people from benefits of peace, tranquillity and breathing space from today's stressful society that green belt land brings.

The green belt was created for a purpose. To stop over development of the countryside, to give areas close to communities, that are quiet and peaceful, to keep a distinctive boundary to protect the countryside and the wildlife in it, and thus to benefit the later generations and to maintain our countryside for those later generations. If this council votes for the core strategy with out any amendment to stop the removal of precious green belt it will not only be a failure of common sense it will be an abidcation of that responsibility. This council and this cabinet has the purpose of deciding what will be advantageous for 1000,s of people not just to day but for generations to come, so please do not throw away our countryside do not allow this land to be removed from the green belt