

The development plans are a concern for the **WHOLE DRONFIELD COMMUNITY**, not just those living close to the development areas.

These developments will affect: **Our Environment, The Character of Our Town, Our Health and Well-Being, Traffic Congestion, School Places, Doctors' Appointments**

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?



SEND YOUR OBJECTIONS TO NEDDC

Online www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/localplan email local.plan@ne-derbyshire.gov.uk

or write to: **Local Plan, North East Derbyshire District Council, 2013 Mill Lane, Wingerworth, Chesterfield S42 6NG** **By 5pm on Friday 7th April 2017**

You could include some of these areas of concern in your objections:

If these sections of greenbelt land are given up for houses, it could set a precedent for more greenbelt to be taken in future, merging Dronfield with Sheffield and / or Chesterfield.

The character of Dronfield will change from a rural town, surrounded by quality green space that is used by many, to an over-congested, urban sprawl.

The district council plan states that "Dronfield is significantly lacking in green space." The greenbelt land they wish to build on around the town presently helps to make up for this. Walkers, runners, horse-riders, golfers, outdoors and wildlife lovers all use it. It is nature's great playground for our children.

Studies show that green spaces are very important for our mental health. With mental health problems on the rise, especially in children, the new housing our country needs should not be built on quality greenbelt!

Several roads next to these quality greenbelt spaces are presently safe enough for children to walk and ride bicycles on, and to reach the recreation space our greenbelt provides; these are under threat.

Pollution levels will rise; this is a particular worry for children and those with asthma, breathing difficulties and heart disease. Removal of green space, especially trees, also increases flooding risks.

860 new houses will mean many more cars in Dronfield (at least 1000+) and extension to the industrial estate will mean more HGVs and commercial traffic. Traffic congestion and road safety throughout the town will worsen. Parking is already a struggle, especially around schools and for the train station.

Schools in Dronfield have little or no room to expand and some have very big class sizes already. In particular, the primary school buildings that serve south Dronfield (where 655 extra houses are proposed), stand on a very small plot with no room for extension and very limited outdoor play-space already.

GP services are already overstretched and recruiting GPs is very difficult these days. Getting a GP appointment could become even more difficult.

It is not clear yet if, or how, extra GP services and school places would be provided in Dronfield. A new primary school cannot be guaranteed as 1000+ houses is the usual threshold for a new school. Many residents are worried how new services would be funded and don't think there's enough space.