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Green Belt	Comment – whilst the Green Belt may need to be reviewed to find sites for both short and longer term development needs, it is still considered that special consideration should be shown when taking land out of the Green Belt and that sequentially more sustainable and less environmentally sensitive sites should be chosen in preference to Green Belt sites unless special circumstances exist.	18/	Escrick Parish Council
	Objection – disappointing that the council has not undertaken an assessment of individual sites against all five Green Belt purposes and that there is little supporting evidence to justify the removal of large swathes of land from the Green Belt.	62/	Fulford Parish Council
	Comment – the existing draft Green Belt is an important and valued part of the Parish. It sustains a wide variety of wildlife including roe deer, foxes, pheasants and many other kinds of birds, all to be seen and enjoyed on most days and in all seasons. These animals and birds benefit from their habitats being largely on private land wildlife can live relatively undisturbed.	65/	Heworth Without Parish Council
	Objection – oppose any development in the Green Belt. It is essential to retain the policies relating to York Green Belt to protect the special character and setting of the Historic City.	71/	Nether Poppleton Parish Council
	Objection – oppose any development in the Green Belt. It is essential to retain the policies relating to York Green Belt to protect the special character and setting of the Historic City.	78/	Upper Poppleton Parish Council
	Comment - the York Green Belt Local Plan (YGBLP) Inspector's report provides the only independent city wide appraisal so far of York's Green Belt. Planning policy has changed fundamentally since the YGBLP Inspector's report was published and the current imperatives of concentrating new development within urban areas or in sustainable urban extensions and reducing car borne travel, as foreseen by the Inspector fully justify a review of the peripheral sites around York.	305/	Taylor Wimpey/Linden Homes
	Objection – opposed to Green Belt land being used. Precious land is needed for wildlife, farming and pleasure, not for building 16,000 houses on. Brownfield sites must be built out first.	904/	
	Objection – do not support the council's interpretation of York's Green Belt and the belief that the Local Plan review entitles the authority to redefine its boundaries without having to display exceptional circumstances. York's Green Belt is established in legislation in the Regional Strategy for Yorkshire and Humber (Partial Revocation) Order 2013. Urge the Council to reconsider their interpretation of the current status of	1355/	Julian Sturdy MP

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	York's Green Belt.		
Green Belt (continued)	Comment – Green Belt is essential for healthy living and places for wildlife to flourish.	1582/	
	Objection – oppose plan to build 16,000 houses on the Green Belt.	10653	
	Objection- opposed to the building on Green Belt land in principle.	1897/	
	Objection - it has to be accepted that development has to take place, and inconvenience is inevitable, and even encroachment on Green Belt land may have to be accepted, but only if the Council can demonstrate “very special circumstances”, as laid down by NPPF.	1956/	
	Objection – unacceptable to forfeit Green Belt to the detriment of wildlife and the surrounding population, especially when there are most probably brownfield sites still available around York.	2334/	
	Objection – leave the Green Belt alone.	2359/	
	Objection- concern regarding earmarking the Green Belt for future development without clear idea of how many houses are needed and how employment will be found for those who fill them.	2401/	
	Objection - the Green Belt should be protected from huge expansion as it affects everyone and also the wildlife of the area. The more we build the more we lose in terms of beautiful countryside.	2421/	
	Objection – do not build on Green Belt land. York and surrounding area is already suffering air pollution, we need Green Belt areas. They are essential.	2619/	
	Objection – development will overload the infrastructure and is inappropriate in the Green Belt.	2695/	
	Comment- Green Belt should be preserved and passed on in tact to future generations.	2756/	
	Objection - a shame the Council have such little regard for our beautiful city and surrounding Green Belt land	2903/	
	Comment –some of the Green Belt boundaries have been moved. Request confirmation that nothing has changed on the nearby land and people have not been disadvantaged.	3063/	
	Comment - if Green Belt land must be used, create preferably another village with infrastructure. Unreasonable pressure on the existing villages. Reasonable number of houses.	3257/	
	Comment – Please do not build on Green Belt land, once it has gone it is gone forever and those who let it happen will never be forgiven.	3268/	
Objection – One of the objectives of Green Belt is to prevent urban sprawl, but the	3428/		

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	councils plan proposes to use Green Belt to build on.		
Green Belt (continued)	Comment - urban sprawl and coalescence of outlying villages with the city should be resisted, according to City of York's own guidelines.	3447/	
	Comment- Green Belt should be preserved and passed on in tact to future generations.	4096/	
	Objection – Green Belt is absolutely necessary in protecting the rural countryside for which this country is renowned, but they also serve to protect the character and setting of our cities and prevent suburban sprawl. The protection of our Green Belt is essential. It plays such an important role in protecting the character and setting of our historic city of York. It is inconceivable that more than 2,000 acres of Green Belt land is under threat from the Council's draft local plan.	4159/	
	Objection – opposed to farming land and Green Belt land being concreted over to provide houses for a massive influx of people to York.	4301/	
	Objection - the permanence of the Green Belt is being dramatically threatened by these proposals; we destroy the green-belt at our peril and, for the welfare of future generations this should only happen when all the potential of brownfield sites has been utilised. It is essential that Green Belt is conserved if we are to face the challenge of feeding a growing population in future years.	4654/	
	Comment - public have been misled that the Local Plan defines the Green Belt, when in fact the Green Belt has been acknowledged for some time and this plan actually builds on land previously acknowledged as Green Belt	5364/	
	Comment – 85% of the housing proposed in the Local Plan is on Green Belt land. The remaining Green Belt land will be 'fixed', which we have heard before. The Green Belt will only be fixed until the city decides it wants to build on it.	5379/	
	Objection – should not build on Green Belt land. It was made Green Belt to stop urban sprawl and guarantee open spaces.	5659/	
	Objection– opposition to any development on sites within the Green Belt. Demographic projections do not support the volume of development.	5686/	
	Objection – the level of proposed development of York's Green Belt remains unsustainably high and will be a huge detriment to the city and it's character. It will put an enormous strain on the city, it's resources and quality of life.	5744/	
	Objection – further sites consultation contributes further to a destruction of the Green Belt and rural area.	6222/	
	Objection – strong objections to the local plan, especially its impact on the Green Belt.	6294/	

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	Opposition to any reduction of Green Belt. It harms the unique rural environment of York. Degrade the land adjacent to any new developments on the Green Belt, creating the conditions to emerge further pressure to build on the Green Belt.		
Green Belt (continued)	Comment - Local Plan does not provide for Green Belt boundaries which take account for the need for York's development subsequent to the current plan period.	6237/	
	Objection - Green belt should be protected.	6502/	
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	Comment – there is a pressing need to deliver a Local Plan to formally define a Green Belt. This is required in order to protect against uncontrolled development.	6511/	
	Objection to the large-scale development on Green Belt land.	6834/	
	Objection – the Green Belt is there to protect the natural environment as well as giving residents the enjoyment of having the countryside on the doorstep.	7064/	
	Objection – opposed to all development of Green Belt wherever it may be.	7297/	
	Objection – major brownfield development in York has stalled. Major house builders in the area are seeking to develop Green Belt land only in the first five years of the plan, with all submissions stating they will look to be onsite on Green Belt within the earliest opportunity. Release of any Green Belt and certainly a major increase in the amount, will stall urban regeneration and continue to blight areas of the city. The Green Belt sites serve a vital function in ensure that brownfield sites are developed first and only when there is evidence of need outstripping the delivery on sites should Green Belt be considered.	7313/	
	Objection – protests at the needless use of Green Belt land	9272/	
	Objection – to building on Green Belt land. Green Belt should be left alone and stay untouched by the Council.	9343/	
	Objection – opposed to building on Green Belt land, we need countryside not concrete boxes.	9409/	
	Objection – opposed to further sites being considered for removal from the Green Belt	9418/	
	Comment – the loss of Green Belt land is an 'inappropriate development' in a village location according to Government Planning Guidelines.	9473/	
	Comment – York Council says it prides itself on 'Environmental Issues' yet this plan will cause untold damage to our precious wildlife on the edge of the Green Belt. York is an excellent visitors destination and the Green Belt areas are much admired by the visitors and those living in York. We must not destroy them. The Green Belt must be	9491/	

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	retained at all cost. Use brownfield sites instead.		
Green Belt (continued)	Objection – Green Belt lands should be preserved at all costs. Every other avenue should be considered and exhausted before you encroach on this land.	9585/	
	Objection – opposed to the removal of the Green Belt and its knock on effect of a housing scheme of the magnitude being talked about	9605/	
	Objection - yet to see any convincing evidence that removing land from the Green Belt is a necessary requirement for the number of new homes required in the York city area, and cannot imagine any 'special circumstances' which would justify its removal in this case.	9642/	
	Objection – once you have destroyed the Green Belt heritage, it is gone forever.	9652/	
	Comment - it's a shame that the Council have such little regard for our beautiful city and surrounding Green Belt land	9689/	
	Objection – why take away Green Belt, we need all we can get.	9700/	
	Comment – please keep the Green Belt.	9726/	
	Objection – opposed to the building of housing on Green Belt land.	9763/	
	Objection – totally opposed to any development on Green Belt. Opposed to Urban Sprawl.	9872/24277	
	Comment – as York has not had an adopted development plan since 1956, the status of the Green Belt around York remains effectively in draft. This is a critical distinction because this Local Plan is not taking land out of the Green Belt but instead determining where the Green Belt boundaries should be drawn and deciding what land is required for development and should not therefore be included within the Green Belt. Paragraph 83 of the NPPF advises that local planning authorities should establish Green Belt boundaries that set the framework for the Green Belt and town policy. When preparing Green Belt boundaries, regard should be had to their intended permanence in the long term so that they endure beyond the plan period.	9895/	Savills on behalf of Halifax Estates
	Objection – Green Belt should not indiscriminately be used for development. There is no account of the lack of accompanying infrastructure need to support development.	9938/24479	
	Objection – the council are ignoring the five key principles of Green Belt policy.	9965/24509	
	Objection – believe the Council owes a responsibility to future generations to protect open spaces and Green Belt land and to avoid York becoming a city with ever expanding boundaries. It is part of the function of Green Belt land to restrict urban sprawl, providing a 'green lung' around towns and cities and we believe that the	10002/	Earswick Action Group

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	Council should respect this.		
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	Comments – Government policy dictates that unmet housing need is insufficient to constitute “the very special circumstance” that outweigh the harm of development in the Greenbelt and the construction of any new buildings is “inappropriate” in Greenbelt except for limited infilling in villages and the building of limited affordable houses to meet local community needs.	10146/	Willow Grove Residents Association
	Comment – queried why it is necessary to build on Green Belt land. Losing a precious commodity. Need the rural farming land and wildlife conservation areas. These areas are vital to us. We all require personal space and peaceful surroundings for a happy and healthy existence.	10177/	
	Comment – concerns remain regarding the proposed significant intrusion into the area of land long established as York’s Green Belt for the provision of the grossly inflated and unrealistic housing targets.	10313/	CYC Conservative Group
	Comment – housing proposals should not be on Green Belt.	10645/	
	Comment – the plan shows little consideration for the preservation and protection of the Greenbelt. Greenbelt is only supposed to be considered as a last resort after all brownfield sites have been exhausted, and then only in exceptional circumstances. There are brownfield sites available but developers would rather have Greenfield land because it is easier for them.	10652/	
	Comment – greenbelt is there to protect the rural nature of York’s surrounding villages.	10654	
	Objection – protect Green Belt land and character and setting of the city. Protect arable land.	10734/	
	Objection – opposed to large numbers of houses proposed on the Green Belt.	10779/	
	Objection- no building on Greenbelt land.	10861/	
	Objection – this plan would severely damage York and the surrounding Green Belt. The traffic implications alone should be reason enough to see that these proposals are	10877/25880	

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	unworkable.		
Green Belt (continued)	Objection – too much of the Green Belt is proposed to be used for development. Prime agricultural land should be preserved.	10344/26037	