

## Rushcliffe Local Plan – Part 1: Core Strategy

### Rushcliffe Green Belt Review (Draft for consultation) Response Form

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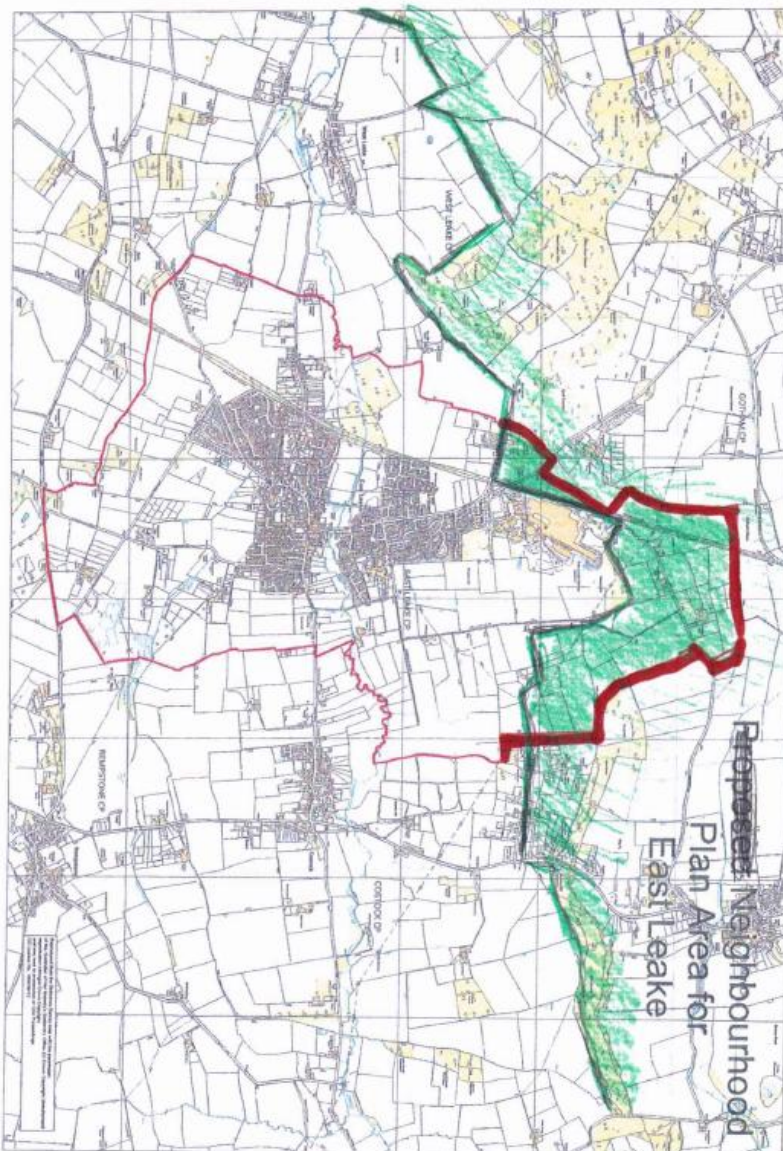
*No comments are offered on questions 1 to 3, but see relevant comments in question 4 below.*

#### 4. Do you have any other observations in relation to the Green Belt review?

1. The green belt boundary overlaps with the East Leake parish boundary (see attached sketch map), so although the built part of the village is not covered by the green belt, the green belt is of considerable relevance to the parish.
2. In the response to the recent community plan consultation (see <http://www.east-leake.co.uk/questionnaire.html>) 96% of residents agreed “that the network of footpaths/bridleways from East Leake and out into the countryside is important to me”. The analyst concluded that “It is clear that residents value the proximity and accessibility of open countryside (Figure 6.2)”.
3. The two key issues for East Leake are thus:
  - Preserving the feel of a rural community, surrounded by countryside
  - Ensuring separation from neighbouring communities
4. The green belt within and to the North of the parish is valuable in that it provides separation from Gotham and Bunny, and it contributes to the ring of countryside. East Leake Parish Council would oppose any significant release of green belt land within our parish boundary and in the area between East Leake and Gotham/Bunny.
5. Separation from Gotham is already compromised by the semi built up area of the Ridgeway, and thus we would particularly oppose any release of land along that road, both between East Leake and Ridgeway, and between the Ridgeway and the main built area of Gotham.

6. We will wish to contribute to the discussions when the inset boundaries are drawn up for Gotham and Bunny.
7. The loss of green belt in the area between Clifton and Gotham is regrettable in that it begins a process of eroding the buffer of open land between the city of Nottingham and Gotham, and ultimately East Leake. Replacement with an equivalent sized area of green belt to the South would alleviate this effect for East Leake. (Though not for Gotham.) We urge re-examination of the decision not to extend the green belt.
8. The existence of the green belt currently means that developers are “leapfrogging” the green belt and putting East Leake under consider pressure of new green field developments. Additional measures to preserve our rural setting and to prevent coalescence with other settlements would be welcomed. In addition to the green belt measures to the North, we urge for establishment now of “green wedges” to maintain separation from West Leake and Costock in particular. Rempstone and Stanford could also become an issue and should be considered in the future.

(please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)



*green belt overlap  
with East Leake Parish*

<b>Signed:</b>		<b>Date:</b>	
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The consultation period for the draft Green Belt review runs from Monday 17 June 2013 until **5pm on Friday 9 August 2013**. Responses to all four questions can be made through the Borough Council's consultation portal (see [www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/planningpolicy](http://www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/planningpolicy) ), or by completing this form in writing or by e-mail and submitted to:

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