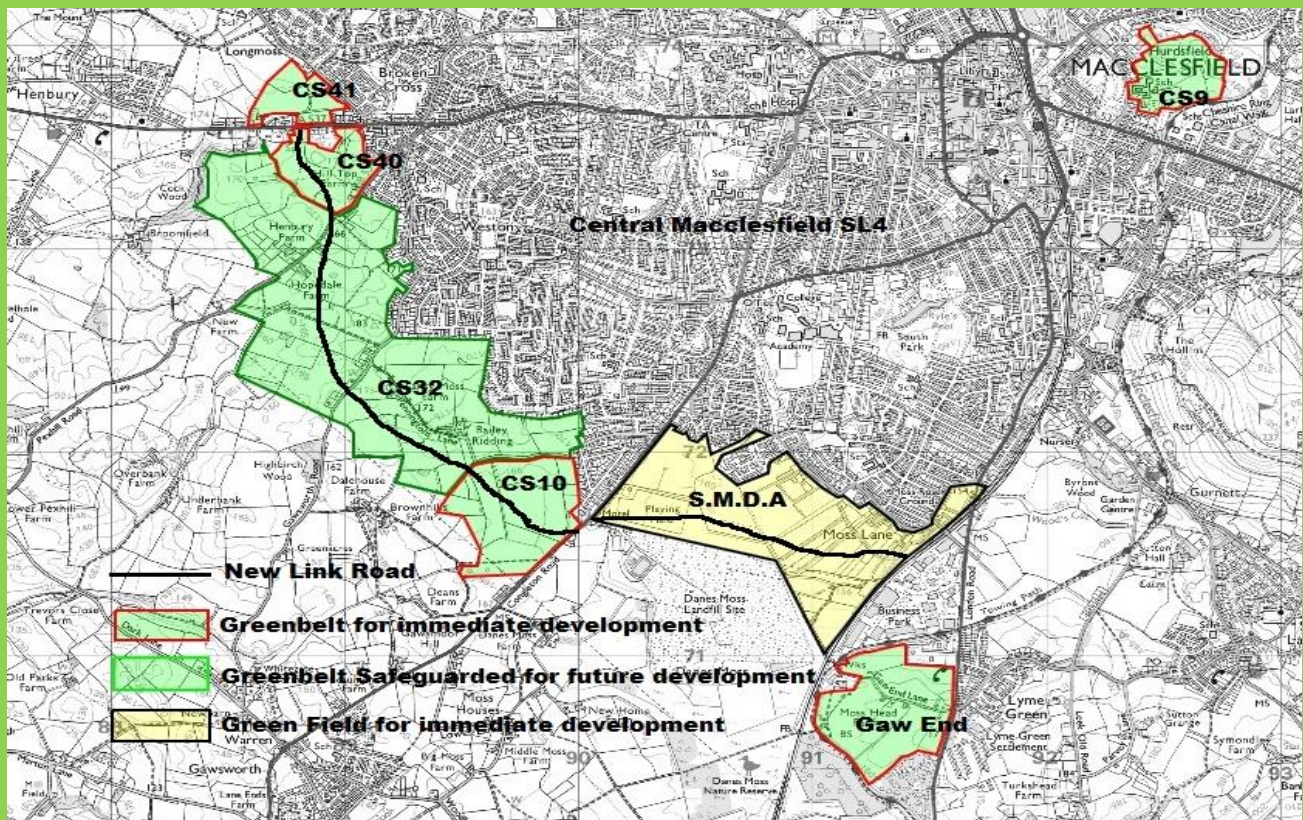


As you may know, Cheshire East Council has started yet another consultation on its controversial Local Plan. This could well be the last opportunity to have your say and object. At Save Macclesfield Greenbelt we have been working hard on what the plan will mean for you. This leaflet is to help you.

- 535 acres of greenbelt are to be taken for development around Macclesfield
- Potentially 6,399 new houses on Macclesfield greenbelt
- New Major Road across South West Macclesfield to allow developers to build
- 50 acres more employment land taken from the greenbelt even though we do not need it
- Population of Macclesfield increased by over 14,700 people, 28.4 % increase
- Town centre regeneration halted
- Previous consultation results and Macclesfield residents ignored
- Site sizes and housing allocations underestimated, this will allow developers to build even more
- Henbury merged with Macclesfield
- Irreplaceable Ancient Woodland damaged
- Development should be moved to Crewe because of its HS2 hub – the council has ignored this

Consultation ends: 5pm 19th April 2016



Areas shaded green are to be removed from the greenbelt, those outlined in red for immediate development. We have measured and calculated site housing figures they are: CS41, 218 houses (CEC say 150), CS40 337 houses (CEC say 200), CS32 3174 (CEC say 2000), CS09 405 (CEC say 250), CS10 468 +10 Ha employment land (CEC say 300 + 10Ha employment land), Gaw End 747 (CEC say 300), S.M.D.A. 1050 + 5 Ha employment land, SL4 Central Macclesfield CEC say only 500 brownfield and windfall sites in the next 14 years although an average of 123 per year have been built since 2010. A further 835 units are committed for completion in the near future. Of the 500 units estimated for Central Macclesfield SL4, CEC says the King's sites figures (Westminster Rd and Cumberland St) are included. King's school are taking a further 70 acres from the greenbelt for their new site by 2020. C2 high density housing places within care homes and nursing homes etc. have been excluded from CEC's figures thus their evidence base is unsound.

What can I do now?

Go to the council's website, register and comment/object

<http://cheshireeast-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal/planning/cs/lpspcv> (Section 15 Local Plan Strategy Sites – Macclesfield)

Or use the help documents on our website (www.savemacclesfieldgreenbelt.com) and construct your own letter directly to the council. Separate letters from each person in a household count as separate objections! Copy it to your councillor/MP.

Or print off our standard letter from the website, add your own comments and submit to the council. Copy it to your local councillor and MP.

Or if you don't have the time but would like your say, complete the letter below and drop in at the Town Hall, Library or post to: Local Plan, Spatial Planning Team, Westfields C/O Municipal Buildings Earle Street, Crewe CW1 2BJ

.... Act now – the greenbelt needs to remain for future generations to enjoy!...

To: CEC Local Plan, Spatial Planning Team, Westfields C/O Municipal Buildings, Earle Street, Crewe CW1 2BJ

I, _____ object to sites CS10, CS32, CS40 and CS41 being removed from the greenbelt. These sites should be deleted from the plan and the housing and employment land allocation be reduced for Macclesfield for the reasons below:

- Unmet housing figures do not show the 'special and exceptional circumstances' required to justify removal of greenbelt.
- The evidence base used to justify sites is unsound as it uses developer promotion as the main reason for selecting or rejecting a site.
- CS32, CS40 and CS41 make a 'Major Contribution' to the greenbelt by separating Macclesfield and Henbury, so the village boundary should be drawn, Greenbelt Assessment amended and the sites should be removed from the plan.
- Irreplaceable Ancient Woodland will be damaged by developing CS32 and CS40.
- Brownfield and windfall housing contributions are significantly underestimated meaning greenbelt sites are being taken for development.
- Greenbelt development will halt brownfield and town centre development which is against planning policy.
- Consultation figures from 2014 have been ignored and replaced by figures from 2012. In 2014, 99.9% of people objected to losing greenbelt. Over 3500 signed a petition objecting to the removal of Macclesfield greenbelt and a new major road for developers to access land to build on across South West Macclesfield. The road would have no strategic use and has been rejected on numerous occasions.
- Housing allocations are disproportionately high for Macclesfield compared to Wilmslow, Knutsford and Poynton against advice from the council's own consultants AECOM.
- Macclesfield greenbelt site sizes are not shown clearly in the plan. Housing numbers are significantly underestimated for greenbelt sites. SW Macclesfield major new road is not shown on the plan maps, unlike across the S.M.D.A.
- Villages that use Macclesfield as a hub have NOT been included in the town's development allocations, unlike for Crewe. Hence the development requirements for Macclesfield should be reduced.
- The effects of HS2 have not been addressed. More allocation of housing and employment land should be in and around Crewe, not Macclesfield. Macclesfield's allocation should be reduced, it will not benefit from HS2.
- The proposed development on greenbelt has not been objectively assessed or positively prepared as brownfield sites and windfall site figures have been largely ignored – brownfield sites have contributed an average of 123 units per annum. C2 housing has contributed at least 67 units in the last few months. CEC ignores these facts.

Comments:

Signed _____ Address _____