

Productive agricultural land



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A more formal planning objection:-

The loss of productive agricultural land would contribute to the cumulative decline of the district's rural economy and natural capital. This land currently provides ongoing economic value through food production, soil health, carbon storage, and landscape function. Its permanent removal for development erodes the district's agricultural base, undermines local food resilience, and diminishes the ecosystem services that farmland provides. When considered alongside other recent and proposed losses of agricultural land, the proposal accelerates a wider pattern of rural economic contraction and environmental degradation, contrary to the NPPF and Local Plan policies that require the protection of high-quality agricultural soils and the safeguarding of natural capital assets.