

The Regional Plan is
the biggest threat to
Nottinghamshire's
countryside today



- register your
objection by October
17th

Campaign to Protect
Rural England
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

The Campaign to Protect Rural England exists to promote the beauty, tranquillity and diversity of rural England by encouraging the sustainable use of land and other natural resources in town and country.

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Further details can be found online at www.cpre.org.uk

Or by ringing Freephone: 0800 163680

Or by writing to Supporter Services
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STOP THIS MADNESS



SAVE THE GREEN BELT NOW

The Government wants to build 70,000 new houses in and around Nottingham over 25 years – that's a 22% increase in houses.

Why?

The Government says:

Nationally we need to build 240,000 houses a year to meet demand

BUT

The Home Builders Federation says:

We don't have the capacity to build that many houses

The Government says:

We need more houses to make them more affordable

BUT

Building Societies currently forecast:

That house prices will drop by 30% anyway

OBJECT TO THE REGIONAL PLAN TODAY

Find out how at

www.nottscpre.org.uk

or seek out the plan at your local library or council office



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70,000 houses over 25 years is the equivalent of:

25 villages the size of Calverton

or

19 towns the size of Bingham

or

13 towns the size of Eastwood

or

6 towns the size of Hucknall

And that is just in the districts in and surrounding the city – there are an additional 43,000 houses proposed in the rest of Nottinghamshire (a 31% increase)

These housebuilding targets just do not make sense, and we at CPRE's Nottinghamshire branch would like as many people as possible to object to the regional plan.

Indeed we are doubly concerned as in the current economic climate these proposed rates are undeliverable for a number of reasons:

- There isn't need for this much housing
- Builders do not have the capacity to build this many houses
- We're now coming into an economic down turn. Even at its highest point, with buoyant demand, only 204,000 houses were built nationally, compared to the government's national target of 240,000

The result of this over supply of development land will be to allow developers to cherry pick the more easy to deliver (and more profitable) green field sites, cause blight and speculation and deprive urban communities from the investment and regeneration they desperately need and lead to an increase in empty houses (even today 12,000 houses in and around the city stand empty).

So, what can you do?

During the consultation period on the regional plan, which lasts until October 17th, CPRE will be honing its arguments and producing a detailed objection covering a number of areas. What we ask is that you register your objections as well.

How can you do this?

By completing the attached comments form and sending it to Government Office for the East Midlands before 17th October

What should you say?

It's up to you what you say, but we would suggest that:

- You object to Policy 13, commenting that you object to the number of houses proposed for Nottinghamshire as:
 - Nottinghamshire is supposed to have a green belt – building this many houses will destroy its openness and lead to an increase in towns and villages joining up
 - The population trends upon which the housing numbers are based are fundamentally flawed
 - There is no demand for such a growth in housing
 - The transport infrastructure will be unable to cope with this growth
 - Nottinghamshire's countryside will be irrevocably changed for the worse
 - The construction industry does not have the capacity to deliver this unrealistic number of houses

- And that the housing growth proposed for Nottinghamshire should be scaled down to a more appropriate level

Where can I find further details?

- Visit our website at www.nottscpre.org.uk

- Or see the proposed changes to the regional plan at <http://goem-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal>