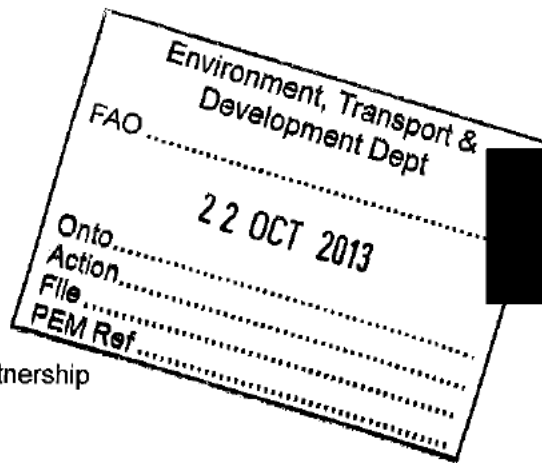


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Dear Mr Nelson,

It is a concern to others and myself that there is going to be a lot of houses being built in Norwich on agricultural land by 2026.

I understand that there is a need for houses as the population is growing rapidly, currently there are 3221 people on the housing waiting list. But why are you building new houses on useful agriculture land? Why can't you build them on brown field sites or derelict sites? These fields should be used as they are empty and most of them are closer to the city area where most people want to be. By using these unused areas of land you wouldn't be using up perfectly good agricultural land, which could be used for animal grazing or sold on to other farmers, and not building companies.

There is a need for land for farmers who have livestock like my family and myself. We struggle to find land which is safe and suitable for our livestock to live on for a period of time. It is hard to find land which is available to rent. Slowly all of the land will be taken away from farmers and there will be hardly anything to rent or own. By the time all of these houses are built most of the farmers will have been driven away due to the land being used for construction rather than agriculture.

The Norwich City Council plan for house development is for there to be between 7000 and 10,000 houses built by 2026 in East Norwich. There are also plans for 2000 houses on the outskirts of Norwich and 1000 houses to be built in rural areas.

The proposed development plan says that Best Quality Farm Land and Sensitive Natural Habitats will be undisturbed. Please can you explain how this will be decided as all current farm land and open country side falls into this category. Also open areas of land within the Norwich ring road which are either woods or playing fields are just as important. Please can you explain how you propose to protect these areas as well?

I look forward to hearing your answers to the above questions

Yours Sincerely



Kate Joyce