

Save our Green Belt- Alongside Walsall Arboretum



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Public Meeting 22nd March, 6.45pm, Rushall Church, Leigh Road.



Chief Executive Helen Paterson welcomed to Walsall Arboretum to celebrate Green Flag Award; Nov 2021

Walsall Council Leader Mike Bird

"I am totally opposed to building on the green belt. It's brownfield first as far I'm concerned... I'm not convinced all these houses are required. Equally, I'm not convinced they can't be acquired on brownfield sites...If people don't get involved they could end up with the worst-case scenario."

He also said "I have asked the planning ministers what happens if we say no because it normally gets imposed on us."

Express and star 14 Aug 2021

Councillor Adrian Andrews said on Radio WM that Walsall Council can stop this proposal; Jan 2022.

Can we help to fight for the greenbelt alongside Walsall Arboretum?

Does Cabinet have the power to refuse any single aspect of the Black Country Plan in Walsall Council Area?

Concerns expressed to the Black Country Plan

- Harm to the Green Belt
- Brownfield first
- Harm to the wildlife and wildlife corridors
- No Ecological Report
- Harm to the open countryside and animal grazing views from Walsall Arboretum
- Increased traffic on already congested routes
- Poor vehicular access points
- Drainage and flooding issues impacting Walsall Arboretum.