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Re: Planning Appeal Ref: APP/Q4625/A/13/2192128 (Lowbrook Farm, Solihull).

I understand the decision in relation this planning appeal is before you for consideration. There is a wealth of information in respect of the application and objections and I try not to repeat this in my letter urging you to consider refusing the application to build homes on Green belt land in Tidbury Green, Solihull.

As a Solihull Borough Councillor I supported the Local Development Plan (LDP), which recommended building as many as 1,200 new homes in my ward alone. To redress this I was grateful two farms within the Tidbury Green parish (Tidbury Green Farm and Lowbrook Farm) were to be returned to the Green belt. They are within 200m from each other in a small village and to build on just one of the farms would have a large impact on the area. I now find Tidbury Green Farm was allowed planning permission via a recent planning decision.

I understand Lowbrook Farm has special considerations to allow the council to refuse the applicants planning permission and I ask you to refuse the appeal and allow the land to either be returned to the green belt, or remain as designated as safeguarded land, whereby it designation may be determined when future housing numbers are decided from an needs analysis.

I do though submit one aspect that may be considered a rebuttable presumption, but does, I feel hold weight. If, either Tidbury Green Farm and Lowbrook Farm had been identified as land suitable for development with Solihull's LDP I argue that development nearby (Land off Dickens Heath Road and Braggs Farm - both former green belt land) might not have been considered to be allocated within the LDP. The