

## Support Pack Overview

### Who We Are & Why We Started This

The Save S13 Green Belt campaign was founded by the late Sapphire McCarthy, bringing together a small group of residents to understand what the Local Plan's additional allocations would mean for S13 and to press the Council for a fairer distribution across Sheffield. The group has held public meetings, raised funds, instructed planning consultants and legal representation, and continues to take part in the Local Plan examination.

### What we are not saying

We are not against housing. Every developable site in S13 has been built on, and this community has never previously objected in numbers to any of those developments. We are not against the Plan, that has never been in question. We support its environmental standards, its affordable housing, and the nine in ten homes not on Green Belt land but we as a community are not able to stand by and let overdevelopment and inappropriate/unjustifiable development decimate our community.

### What we are saying

Our objection is to site selection and distribution: 43% of the city's additional Green Belt housing - 1,700 homes - is concentrated in Handsworth: one part of one ward, along roughly a kilometre of road, in a community of about 9,000 people. This will increase to over 2,000 homes if the land currently set aside for a school and a burial ground is also built on.

That is more than the population of Bakewell, added to one community. No road improvements are committed to - beyond a single set of traffic lights - and no community facilities are guaranteed. Waverley's remaining 2,000 homes sit immediately across the boundary, in the same plan period, under a different authority and in no Sheffield count.

### A Local Plan matter, not a planning application matter

On adoption the land leaves the Green Belt and the principle of development is settled; what remains to argue at application stage is layout and access. **Deferring an allocation is recoverable. Releasing Green Belt is not.**

### What is in the pack

**1 SES29 fact sheet** what is proposed at Handsworth Hall Farm, and on what evidence

**2 SES30 fact sheet** the same for Bramley Common

**3 Local area** about 6,700 homes built or planned within 2 km since 2012, in a small community

**4 SES30 evidence** seven scored judgements contradicted by the Council's own documents

**5 Open space** a 34.55 hectare shortfall recorded before these allocations were proposed

**6 Density** Leeds achieves 85 homes a hectare where Sheffield plans for 35 to 50

**7 SES30 Concept plan** no school, no burial ground and no ecological buffers on the Council's own illustration

**8 Site availability** three council-owned tenanted farms, three different answers

**9 Consultation** the public was asked twice, said no Green Belt, and was not asked again

**10 Map, 1937** Sheffield's Green Belt as it was first drawn

If you take one question from this pack, we would ask it to be this one:

**Why is up to half of the city's Green Belt release concentrated in one small part of one ward, and does the benefit outweigh the harm it will do?**