SAVE S13 GREEN BELT

The Sapphire McCarthy Campaign

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WE NEED YOUR HELP . . . AGAIN!

The Sheffield Local Plan has been through years of consultation and public hearings. We are not against the Plan itself. What we oppose are the extra Green Belt sites added at the last minute in April 2025 with no warning, discussion or attempt to seek alternative solutions.

Hundreds of S13 residents have objected and worked hard to defend our Green Belt. Despite those objections, these Green Belt sites are still being pushed forward. The Plan has not been adopted yet, and there is one final public consultation before the decision is made.

This leaflet explains what's happening and **why we need your help.**

WHAT IS THIS CONSULTATION?

You may have received a confusing letter from the Council about "Main Modifications" to the Sheffield Plan - or you may be hearing about this for the first time. Either way, here's what it means: the government Inspectors examining the Plan say it needs a final set of changes before it can be adopted.

Two of the biggest changes are the formal addition of our S13 Green Belt sites - Handsworth Hall Farm (870 houses) and Bramley Common (827 houses) - into the Plan. The Council must now consult the public on these final changes before the Inspectors write their final report.

This consultation runs for six weeks and closes at **5pm on 14 April 2026**.

WHY RESPOND IF NOTHING HAS CHANGED?

Since the Green Belt additions were announced, nothing major in the plan has changed. It is exhausting to keep fighting, but here is why this final round still matters:

- **The Legal Paper Trail:** Every response is a formal piece of evidence that the Inspectors *must* acknowledge in their final report.
- **The Council Vote:** The 84 Councillors who make the final decision will look at the volume of responses to gauge public mood before they vote to adopt the Plan.
- **Future Challenges:** If this ever goes to a legal challenge, having a record of massive community opposition is vital.

WHAT CAN I DO?

The Council's latest documents are highly technical. Our team is reviewing them to decide the best strategy for the community, including whether individual responses or a single collective submission will have the greatest impact. Our aim is to ensure S13 speaks with a voice that cannot be ignored. We will share clear guidance shortly. In the meantime, if you feel ready to submit your own response, go ahead - your voice matters.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- **5pm, 14 April:** "Main Modifications" (final changes) consultation closes.
- **June** - **July 2026:** Inspectors issue final report on whether the plan follows national rules.
- **After the report:** Full Council votes on adopting the plan.

MAKE THIS A POLITICAL ISSUE

On 7 May there are local elections and 28 Sheffield Councillors will be elected. Ask every candidate: *"If elected, will you vote against adopting this plan and stop the destruction of S13's Green Belt?"* - demand a clear yes or no. Contact your current Councillor too - the final decision is made by all 84 Councillors and every vote counts. **Ask family and friends across Sheffield to do the same.**

THE SHEFFIELD GREEN BELT ALLIANCE

Save S13 has joined forces with Green Belt campaign groups from across Sheffield to form the **Sheffield Green Belt Alliance**. Together, we are stronger. The Alliance is calling on residents to help identify brownfield sites - vacant, derelict, or underused land - anywhere in Sheffield that could be developed instead of Green Belt. If you know of a site, let us know. The Council says there are no alternatives. We believe there are - and we intend to prove it.

USEFUL CONTACTS

- Find your Councillor: sheffield.gov.uk/councillors
- Submit your consultation response: haveyoursay.sheffield.gov.uk
- Report a brownfield site: saves13greenbelt.org.uk/brownfield-initiative
- Email us for help/with your questions: info@saves13greenbelt.org.uk

This is our final chance to put S13's objections on the record.

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