

GREEN BELT PLAN

Inspector's Report
on Objections to
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commitment to supporting as a matter of course in Sheffield, and the current squeeze on finance is an integral part of the analysis of problems in the opportunities for the City Council and other bodies and to their solution.

4.16 In view of the limited control of certain land use activities in the proposed Green Belt and the constraint on finance it is essential that priority is given to those areas of the proposed Green Belt where the landscape is most severely degraded and in those areas in close proximity to deprived areas, as well as maintaining and enhancing those areas of generally high landscape quality. For these reasons:

GBS THE CITY COUNCIL WILL, THROUGH THE USE OF ITS OWN RESOURCES AND THROUGH CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS SEEK TO MAINTAIN AND ENHANCE THOSE AREAS OF THE GREEN BELT WITH A GENERALLY HIGH LANDSCAPE QUALITY AND IMPROVE THOSE AREAS WITH A LOW LANDSCAPE QUALITY PARTICULARLY THOSE LOCATED NEAR TO DISADVANTAGED AREAS AND/OR IN A SEVERELY DESPOILED STATE.

Particular attention will be given to those areas where the opportunities are likely to be greatest, namely, where land is owned by the City Council and other public agencies.

4.17 The enhancement of areas of generally high landscape quality through such means as screening, hedge and tree planting will be the subject of further investigation. Areas with low landscape quality which are considered appropriate for priority treatment in terms of the level of despoilation and/or their proximity to generally deprived areas include Smithy Wood east of Chapeltown, the area to the east of the A616 south of Deepcar, the area around Handsworth Colliery and parts of the Shirebrook Valley. The reclamation of these and other (smaller) sites will take place as and when finance and improvement opportunities become available. Reclamation schemes that result in the use of land for development purposes which are appropriate in the proposed Green Belt (such as recreation) will be particularly supported in accordance with policy V6 of the County Structure Plan. This states that:

V6 Maximum provision will be made where appropriate for development to take place on any vacant or derelict sites which can be reclaimed, or on sites which have already been reclaimed, rather than on 'greenfield sites'.

4.18 During the first consultation exercise several groups and individuals indicated the need to ensure that any development that takes place in the proposed Green Belt is of a high standard of design. The City Council, in dealing with applications for planning permission in the proposed Green Belt, will pay particular attention to the need to safeguard and improve the landscape quality of the area as a whole and to ensure that the design of new development is in keeping with the local architectural character. As the planning authority for the proposed Green Belt, the City Council is responsible for the implementation of policy V19 of the County Structure Plan.