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I object strongly to the proposal to change the Green Belt status of land bordering Widney Manor Road.

Solihull Council Planning Committee refused planning permission on land to the rear of 114- 118 Widney Manor Road in July 2010. This Application was dismissed on appeal in 2011. The reasons given included the harm the proposal would do to the Green Belt. Nothing has changed since that time which would justify the proposed change in status of this location.

In addition there can be no justification in removing the Green Belt designation from sites 205 and 308. This would transfer the boundary of the Green Belt from the railway line at the rear, to Widney Manor Road itself with no apparent benefit other than to property speculators.

This draft Plan demonstrates a method of generating growth by 'Garden Grabbing'. It represents unwelcome short termism as opposed to being part of well thought out strategy. I look forward to hearing your thoughts on this.

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