



SAVE OUR GREENBELT – ELECTION FACTSHEET (APRIL 2010)

- To support a sensible debate this newsletter provides, using the Governments own figures, the details behind the Government & Rotherham Council’s proposals to build a minimum of **23,880** and up to **34,000 homes** - the majority of which will be built on Rotherham’s greenbelt. ** Rotherham Council’s own independent assessment of housing need says around **15,000 homes** are needed.

“Council house waiting lists are not used by the household projections”.*

(This is the Government’s Freedom of Information response when asked if Council house waiting lists are used in the calculation of new housing targets).

1. Government Projections (2006-31) for Yorkshire and Humberside (Y&H):

- 750,000 new households of which 80% (610,000) are projected, by 2026, in the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) for Yorkshire and Humberside
- A 23% increase in **Yorkshire’s** population (see Table 1 below for factors causing increase)

Table 1: Y & H	2006 (A)	2031 (B)	Increase (B-A)	%	Immigration	Natural Change	Internal Migration
Population	5,142,000	6,319,000	1,177,000	23	+634,200	+517,200	+25,600

- From the Y&H total - **Sheffield’s** population increases by 89,500 (17%) **** after 53,800 people leave**

Table 2: Sheffield	2006 (A)	2031 (B)	Increase (B-A)	%	Immigration	Natural Change	Internal Migration
Population	525,800	615,300	89,500	17	+80,700	+62,600	-53,800**

- From the Y&H total - **Rotherham’s** population increases by 36,900 (14.6%)

Table 3: Rotherham	2006 (A)	2031 (B)	Increase (B-A)	%	Immigration	Natural Change	Internal Migration
Population	253,300	290,200	36,900	14.6	+1,400	+15,200	+20,300**

****The majority of “internal migration” into Rotherham (20,300) is to come from Sheffield in order to “take pressure” off Sheffield, which projects a large population increase due to the factors outlined above*. It is this overflow from Sheffield that gives Rotherham a higher housing target and thus threatens the greenbelt***

- links to Government documents and FOI responses to prove this can be seen at the following link:

<http://www.saveourgreenbelt.org.uk/housingfacts.html>

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2. What is the Evidence for the link between Sheffield and Rotherham?

- See below the Government's Freedom of Information reply to a question asking about the modelling assumptions behind Sheffield's projected population outflow of **-53,800***

"The Office for National Statistics has provided the following figures which are internal migration outflows from Sheffield to Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham. This is the first year's internal migration from the 2006 based projections and should give you a very good indication of future years as these future years are built on the previous years values.

<u>Department of Communities & Local Govt</u>		
<u>Internal migration outflows:</u>		
<u>Origin</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>2006-2007</u>
Sheffield	Barnsley	800
Sheffield	Doncaster	400
<i>Sheffield</i>	<i>Rotherham</i>	<i>2,000</i>

See Appendix C + D here for more evidence: <http://www.saveourgreenbelt.org.uk/housingfacts.html>

3. Will More Homes Mean More Affordable Housing?

- A House of Lords Committee did an in depth study of economics, population growth, immigration etc and reported the following conclusion on the impact this has on house prices (see Page 48/9 for full details)

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld200708/ldselect/ldconaf/82/82.pdf>

[The House of Lords Select Committee: The Economic Impact of Immigration](#)

CHAPTER 6: RISING POPULATION DENSITY: IMPACTS ON HOUSING

"Immigration is one of many factors contributing to more demand for housing and higher house prices. We note the forecasts that, if current rates of net immigration persist, 20 years hence house prices would be over 10% higher than what they would be if there were zero net immigration."

Finally - Ask your election candidates to support the following policies:

- 1. No house building on Rotherham's Green belt land!**
- 2. The abolition of the Regional Spatial Strategy and the excessive homes / population projections contained within it!.**
- 3. House building levels based on an independent assessment of Rotherham's actual need not Government imposed targets!**

