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To the planners and decision-makers,

Please do not build over the precious Blean woods.

It is a scandalous proposal and an insult to the local communities that we have to spend our time defending these sacred woods.

It is a backwards and dangerous plan - and shows how wilfully ignorant those proposing it are - **we are in a nationally declared Climate and Nature emergency!**

They are of local and national significance, and it would be **ecocide** to do so.

We are losing our wildlife habitats and so our wildlife at an alarming rate - these ancient woods have to be fully protected from over-development now.

Voters will not stand to lose anymore nature space, and there are law firms (**Lawyers for Nature, Client Earth** etc) ready to take planners and any associated proposers and decision-makers to court, as to give permission to this would be in legal contravention of the following:

- The nationally and internationally declared Climate emergency 2019 (ecocide law is being passed in Europe, likely to follow here soon)
- Climate Change Act 2008
- Environment Act 2021

Further - there is national backlash to this type of over-development - 60,000+ people have signed the petition to "Halt Harmful Housing"

<https://www.change.org/p/westminster-halt-harmful-housing-with-new-environmental-planning-law-no-more-greenfields-building>

**We will not accept thousands and thousands more houses continually being built over our vital nature spaces all over the UK - our lives depend upon those spaces that remain.**

Yours sincerely,

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