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In The Guardian on 02/10/2025

Roger Mortlock, chief executive of the countryside charity CPRE, said: “For a small island we are still struggling with the idea that land is finite. It’s shameful to be so near the top of this list when the countryside in this country is so valued – second only to the NHS. It is also so unnecessary when brownfield land, even with planning permission, remains unused. We should rethink our towns and cities as compact sustainable places that celebrate the countryside on their doorstep.

“Instead land-hungry, car-dependent, identikit, unaffordable housing estates without proper infrastructure are taking green fields that could deliver the food we eat, power nature’s recovery and climate solutions.”

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2025/oct/02/uk-fifth-worst-country-in-europe-for-loss-of-green-space-to-development>

Residents in Chartham oppose any housing development proposed for the land at Rattington Street, Chartham.

This land is extensively cultivated throughout the year and so has been for decades.

*It is part of the UK **food security and independence.***

*It also contains an **ancient woodland with threatened wildlife.***

Here are pictures taken from Larkey View, CT4 7PR:

- showing the 27/07/ 2025 grain harvest on this field
- showing straw baled, after the same 27/07/2025 harvest, for various uses, including animal bedding, fiber-rich animal feed, or possibly as a component in building materials and insulation
- a further picture shows the farmer's rotavator in action in the same field, preparing the soil for the next crop

Kind regards

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