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For the attention of the editor

Dear Sir

Thirty thousand new homes every year could be eating into the South West's green fields covering an area equivalent to 15,000 football pitches.

Despite 35,000 people sending in their concerns to the Government over its damaging proposals (in its Regional Spatial Strategy) for nearly 30,000 new homes every year throughout the South West, it seems determined to press ahead regardless.

What does it take to make the Government listen to local people and realise that we don't want our beautiful countryside ruined?

Of course there is a need for more homes - mainly those that local people can afford - just not the number the Government's proposing. Also the focus must be on regenerating our towns before fields and countryside are built on.

The Government is due to publish its final decision on the future of the South West very soon. What's at stake are our precious green spaces and wonderful open countryside.

I urge everyone reading this to make their voice heard before it's too late. Email The Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, the Minister responsible, as soon as you can, to let them know you don't want our countryside to be eaten up: www.saveourgreenspaces.org

Yours faithfully,