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Representation

I am disappointed to note that Kettering Borough Council has been unsuccessful in convincing the Government Planning Inspector to maintain the protection of Braybrooke's Green spaces which run through the centre of the village.

Essentially, the 'green heart' which runs through the village parallel to the River Jordan and the land surrounding the village helps protect against flooding. Adding further access roads, footpaths, driveways and housing to this and other areas will almost certainly increase the risk of run off and flooding in the village.

These spaces also provide a safe habitat for an abundance of wildlife, they also provide a calm, balanced and regenerative richness to the village which is already highly populated, with almost no other green spaces within it.

The green spaces are of special value to me and my family because of their unique natural qualities and the biodiversity they maintain. They also provide an essential balance, providing a buffer, reducing stress and helping to promote a greater sense of peace and wellbeing.

Villages have developed over centuries. They have never benefitted from any form of strategic 'landscaping plan' as is required for current and more recent housing developments. Accordingly, it is their natural and intrinsically valuable green spaces which create the landscape and their loss would be felt by me and all the residents, visitors, wildlife and the diverse flora found here.

I urge all those considering the plan to maintain the protection of all the green spaces within the village. It is inconceivable that these might be lost with the added and measurable increased risk of flooding.