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**Subject:** 84-108 Ragged Hall Lane, 7 detached houses SADC planning portal, planning reference 5/2025/0331

Dear Sir/Madam

84-108 Ragged Hall Lane, 7 detached houses  
SADC planning portal, planning reference 5/2025/0331

I am writing to express my strong objection to the proposed application for the construction of seven detached houses on Green Belt land. Green Belt protection is to prevent urban sprawl and preserve the character of our countryside. Allowing this development would set a dangerous precedent, opening the door for further encroachment and erosion of this vital resource. The proposed application fails to adequately justify an exception to this established policy.

Furthermore, I am very concerned about the inadequacy of the existing highway infrastructure to support the increased traffic generated by seven additional households. The current access road is a narrow lane with no footpath and is frequently used by walkers (including myself). The addition of more vehicles will inevitably lead to congestion, safety hazards, and increased pollution. The application provides no convincing evidence that the existing road network can accommodate this increased demand safely or efficiently.

The size and density of the proposed development are also entirely inappropriate for this Green Belt location. The construction of seven detached houses implies a substantial footprint and a significant alteration to the landscape, fundamentally changing the character of that area and diminishing its rural charm. This type of development is better suited to designated urban areas, where infrastructure and services are already in place.

Finally, while I recognize the need to address housing shortages, the construction of seven detached houses will have a negligible impact on the District's overall housing target. More importantly, the local need is primarily for affordable and social-rented properties, which this development fails to address. Approving this application would therefore not only harm the Green Belt but also fail to meet the most pressing housing needs of our community.

Yours faithfully

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