

I have lived locally for 30 years, On our family farm. My childhood was riding regularly in the area, I now have two children, I still ride the area with my daughter, I walk our dogs with my son and family. It's my children's favourite spot. Every time we walk they comment on the views. For as long as I can remember sheep have grazed the land. The area is breathtakingly beautiful. To rip up this land to enable people's commute to be faster and easier is criminal. When does this stop ? Until we have no countryside left ? There is always going to be a demand for bigger, better, safer, faster routes but we must preserve this land. Once it's gone, it's gone. Habitats, noise pollution, visual impact, loss of farming land, environmental damage to name but a few. Times have changed, more people are working from home, less people are therefore commuting to work. Sitting in traffic is a small price to pay to keep our AONB.