

**President: Rt.Hon. the Lord Randall of Uxbridge Kt.PC.**

The Rt Hon Michael Gove MP  
Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and  
Communities  
House Of Commons  
London  
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Dear Mr Gove

**Re: Pinewood Screenhub UK planning application call-in - PL/20/3280/OA**

The Colne Valley Regional Park is the first large taste of countryside to the west of London. Located on the edge of five counties the Regional Park provides 43 square miles of green space for over three million people who live within ten miles of it.

We were gravely concerned when Buckinghamshire Council resolved that they were minded to approve this outline planning application for a massive incursion into the Green Belt for the Pinewood screen hub, which includes a colossal theme park.

This is yet another large, proposed, bite out of the Green Belt in an area already affected by HS2 and multiple other development proposals, all of which are happening with no overall masterplan or vision and (in most cases) no worthwhile improvement to remaining areas of Green Belt for the benefit of local communities. The Pinewood Screen Hub is a commercial operation: its claim that this development benefits the objectives of the Colne Valley Regional Park is entirely false.

This proposal is completely at odds with government policy on Green Belt. The Colne Valley Regional Park agrees with that policy, namely that the Green Belt should remain permanently open and that it should be 'planned positively' to enhance its beneficial use. To lose an area of Green Belt of this size for a theme park that does not need to be there is completely unacceptable.

We urge you to call in this very significant development in the Green Belt so that its strategic implications and impacts on the Green Belt and Colne Valley Regional Park are fully scrutinised.

Kind Regards

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For and on behalf of the Colne Valley Regional Park

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