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The amount of new housing potentially foreseen for Ampleforth exceeds any present or likely demand and , if realised , would destroy the still essentially rural character of the village. My specific comments, however, relate to the adjacent sites 111 and 616. Neither of these sites is remotely suitable for housing development. They lie on the side of Knoll Hill, in open countryside just outside the present western boundary of the village, within the Howardian Hills AONB and along the southern boundary of the North York Moors National Park. In 1987, a proposal to develop these sites was refused on appeal to the Inspector, among other considerations because housing development here would detrimentally affect the rural character of Knoll Hill and the wider rural landscape to the west of the village. The only change to the situation since then has been the establishment of the AONB, which reinforces the unsuitability of housing development on these sites; and they also fall outside the development limits shown on the 2002 Local Plan. There is currently housing for sale within the village, space still available for "infilling" if needed and a large housing development approaching completion at "Abbey View", just off Station Road. There is absolutely no need for further housing development at Ampleforth at present, and certainly not at either end of the village, where the countryside begins. I hope these two sites can be definitively denied "preferred sites" status.

Sir David Goodall