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Section 1: Your personal and contact details 1.1 Name *	William Scambler
1.2 Are you? *	a member of the public
Select a topic to comment on	Suggest sites for development
Development Site 1 2.1 Address / Description of Site	Any proposed site on arable land
2.2 Landowner's Name (if known)	None
2.4 Suggested Use/s	eg: Land to West side of Poolewe
2.7 Select any issues you are aware of that may affect development on the site	Road access Good farm or croft land Protected species and/or habitats Neighbouring uses not compatible

2.8 How will you or the developer of the site resolve any issues selected in question 2.7?

These sites should not be developed., In communities with huge amounts of rough ground and very little arable, however degraded, it is unconscionable to build on the little arable ground there is. We cannot know the future and whether or not our descendants might have to live of this ground. To build on it verges on being criminal. The builders and their plans are often speculative and put cash in their pocket-- not the communities. They build there because it is relatively cheap to do so. They should be obliged to use rough ground and rock only (as they do in West Norway where arable is equally at a premium)