

# Tim Shaw – Independent

## My Community Network

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### The Metropolitan Green Belt



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**Focus** – *The Metropolitan Green Belt is a statutory green belt around London. It comprises parts of Greater London and the six adjoining counties, parts of two of the three districts of the small county of Bedfordshire and less than 0.1% of Sussex. Green belt is good positive planning. It stops urban sprawl and encourages the vital regeneration of our largest cities. Sprawl has all kinds of negative impacts, including loss of farmland and wildlife, increased car use and neglect of older towns and cities. It impacts our climate strategy for carbon neutrality.*

Dear friends welcome to the February edition of **My Community Network** for keeping you informed of issues that I am representing you on within our constituency. A local family man, born and bred in our constituency in Borough Green. Businessman, ex - school governor, 15 years Parish & 8 years TMBC councillor. My mission is focused on improving our constituency and our people's lives. This *month's edition focuses on the Metropolitan Green Belt (MGB) and its significance to us here in our Constituency.*

**Fact** – West Kent is under real threat from developers looking to concrete over our Green Belt to enable housing. Green belt was proposed in 1935 by the Greater London Regional Planning Committee to provide a reserve supply of public open spaces and of recreational areas to establish a green belt or girdle of open space. Green belt is now just 13% of England.



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