

Motion submitted to Full Council by Cllr Wilding

There is a growing problem in this District and across the UK of speculators buying areas of farm land or woodland and then selling it on the internet in small lots. Look up Land for sale - Barney Estates. The speculators can double or treble their investment but at the same time they are permanently ruining the landscape by turning fields and woods into allotments. There are 5 instances of this happening in or near my ward in the last year. The effect can be reduced by CDC issuing an Article 4 Direction or a whole wood TPO, but this creating a huge amount of work for Enforcement and Legal.

I propose a motion as follows:

This Council deplors the practice of subdividing agricultural and forestry land into small lots for sale and asks the Leader/Chief Executive to write to the MP requesting that she lobbies Government to legislate against it.