## Motion nr. 2

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On behalf of the party: Bayernpartei

**Title:** Better protection of rural areas from excessive land use.

EFA recognizes that the high consumption of land for industry, settlement and transportation is a significant problem especially in rural areas. EFA demands therefore a better awareness of that fact and development plans that are really ecological sustainable.

Reason: Excessive land use and development for industry, traffic infrastructure and households has a serious impact on the natural environment and the countryside.

The number of insects (also the bees which are vital for farming etc.) and birds has been reduced dramatically over the last decades. The increasing number of dramatic floods and mud flows are also closely connected to the excessive land sealing.

Also social cohesion is waning because there are more and more artificially created bedroom suburbs. Traditional settlement structures and forms will disappear, a problem which is significant especially for minorities all over Europe.