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Subject: Comments on the recently published Local Plan.

Please direct these comments to whoever "wants" them. (I could not find a dedicated response page for the Plan).

Having attended one of the local presentations about the Garden City Suburb (GCS) area, I would like to record the following comments for that area :

Traffic:

I would hope that, to avoid more congestion by cars, this opportunity will be taken to encourage the use of public transport from the new area into the town. The effects of gridlock in this area from the, increasingly frequent, traffic overflow from accidents etc on the adjacent motorways needs to be considered - the GCS proposals just seem to load the existing roads.

Public transport:

The use of dedicated routes for public transport seems to work successfully in other towns, to tempt people out of cars. No evidence of this on the Plan.

Trans Penine Trail : The "projected" use of this Trail (could be better as a rail transit route rather than a road. A rail option would cause less disruption to the current housing, and (if electric) could reduce impact of the inevitable increased pollution, especially in the area near Sir Thomas Boteler High School. Pollution :

This development will inevitable increase air pollution, unless serious public transport links are included in to town.

Care Facilities:

There seems to be no mention of the requirement for additional social care facilities etc for the " ageing population".

Cycling:

Radial cycling routes to areas of employment seem to be lacking .

(National Policy : the policy of continued "growth" is obviously flawed - it is physically impossible to continue to expand (sustainably) - despite what businesses want.)

Regards,