

To whom it may concern:

I'm writing this email (on behalf of myself and my family) to object to the proposed local plan, as I do not believe that it a sound or appropriate way forward for the town and the generations to follow.

We're particularly concerned about the use of supposed "Green Belt" land that has been earmarked in the plan for both commercial and residential development.

There are plenty of brown field areas within the town which should be considered first and foremost for any future development.

By opening up the green belt, developers will cherry pick these easier more lucrative areas, instead of focusing on innovative (and yes, more costly) solutions to develop brown field sites.

And if you live or work in the area already, you'll know that the traffic in the town can be horrendous. This plan will only exacerbate the situation and despite the proposed one-way bridge in the town centre, it won't be no where near enough to ease congestion in this town with a river, motorways and canals to cause constant bottlenecks.

I know that the council has specific growth and city status targets, but where does this stop? Who wants to live in an overcrowded, polluted car park anyway? I certainly don't and I think that most other people living in the area would agree with me.

As an previous business owner, investor and landlord, I completely appreciate the need for economic growth and residential development. However, this should not come at the cost the environment.

I've previously supported the mainstream political parties during local and national elections; however going forward I will be voting for the Green Party until the government and local councils start to take the threat of destroying the rapidly diminishing green belt land that we have left.

Kind Regards
Ian & Victoria Shaw

