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To: Local Plan
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Dear Sir.

I write to object to the nature and scale of the Local Plan and to the very likely negative environmental impacts that the plan will produce. My main objections are as follows.

- 1. I question the projected housing need. Based on actual Census information from 1981, 1991, 2001 and 2011 the actual population increase per decade was just under 11,000. Why are we expecting a significantly higher future rate in the next two decades? In the 2011 Census the average U.K. household size was 2.3. Why do we need 18,900 new homes? Census based expectations, not hypothetical guesses, indicate that 6000 houses per decade or 12000 by the mid 2030s will suffice I.e. far fewer than the plan intends to deliver.
- 2. What are the detailed plans to provide basic services for the extra families? There will be need for schools, NHS surgeries, shops, improved roads and other necessary basic provisions. How will these be financed?
- 3. I deplore the notion that Green Belt of "High Value" can be built upon when Brownfield sites are available, areas which by definition have been previously built upon and are now suitable for urban regeneration. Why do we need a current buzz-word "Garden Suburb" on agricultural Green Belt land?
- 4. There are many vague, unclear suggestions lacking detail and sound elaboration e.g. how to overcome the "barrier" that is the Manchester Ship Canal, the nature of the Transport Plan and likely congestion, and a serious investigation into probable air quality changes. Too much lacks clarity and depth of consideration. Grandiose ideas without substance

Yours faithfully, Frank Barclay.