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My main comments on the local plan are as follows:

1. Assuming that one of the objectives is to help the town centre economically how is that possible without a clear and detailed plan for improving the roads into town which if one existed must be built before any development takes place. Most crossings of the Bridgewater canal are one lane and the crossing of the Ship canal is by swing bridges or the cantilever bridge which to my memory has been quite regularly declared on its last legs.

2. The easiest and cheapest option for development has been taken i.e. the green belt, when the first option should be brownfield sites nearer the town centre. Whilst being more expensive the economic value to the town centre is much greater than building on green belt land with very poor access to the town centre. The green belt should only be considered for development once all of the brownfield sites have been exhausted.

3. The number of houses proposed seems way out of proportion to the likely need. Where will these new homeowners come from and where will they work as it isn't clear what the opportunities in the town centre will be and the proposed green belt development won't employ many people. Isn't the population in decline?

4. The monetary cost to the Council of destroying the green belt will mean it has little to spend on the town centre.

5. If the past is any guide then local facilities will never materialise adding to the traffic on the existing roads.

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