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Hello

Please find my response below.

The plan sets out significant building of homes and employment facilities across the Borough, many of which are away from the town centre. Employment facilities in particular are focused on the existing motorway network. This will mean increased reliance upon roads and bridges that are often already congested and over capacity. The additional motor vehicle journeys will worsen existing poor air quality and congestion. Whilst the plan indicates some new roads there is no clarity on exactly where or when these will be built, neither is it clear how the cost of construction will be met. It is unclear how the plan can be deliverable as information on the transport infrastructure needed to support the development is absent, and no detail provided how statutory air quality objectives will be met.

The plan gives no detail about how health services or public transport will be developed or funded that will be required to service the needs of the increase in population associated with new housing. In the absence of this information it is not proven that the plan is deliverable. The draft plan document has been written under the assumption that if the word 'sustainable' is used on a sufficient number of times, any development resulting from the plan will automatically be sustainable. This assumption is not valid. For the resulting development to be sustainable requires careful and detailed consideration, care for the environment, and for the needs of future generations. There is no evidence that the required consideration and care have been given in the production of the draft plan. As a central aim of the plan is to be sustainable, and this aim cannot be delivered by the plan, the plan is not deliverable.

Yours

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