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To: [Local Plan](#)
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Dear Sirs

I am writing to object to the proposed new Local Plan because it is NOT SOUND

- Green belt legislation exists to preserve valuable and limited open landscape, and the council should be operating in the spirit of the legislation rather than seeking to undermine it
- there is no justification for the predicted growth and no clarity on the means of delivering the development.
- There is no new transport infrastructure proposed to address the already inadequate access from south of the Ship Canal into the town centre. There is a need to provide a new high level crossing for the Canal and River; the recent Slutchers Lane development is not sufficient. Ever increasing numbers of traffic lights will not keep the traffic moving. Stockton Heath is already a bottleneck.
- Inadequate transport infrastructure leads to poorer air quality and local ecology.
- The housing developments will rely on occupiers living a car based lifestyle; COP26 and similar are striving to reduce this! Any new housing, ***IF*** it were needed should be built close to the existing rail network, on brownfield sites

Yours faithfully
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