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**To:** Local Plan  
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I would like to lodge my opposition to the current proposed local plan for the following reasons:

- The proposal states that green belt will be used as part of the plan, which is put in place to protect against urban sprawl. How can this be, when we need to ensure that green belt is protected and ensures that local areas maintain individuality and uniqueness. The existing green belt boundary was agreed 7 years ago in a plan that was supposed to be in place for at least 20 years. The loss of greenbelt has not been properly justified.
- the environment and ecological impact of the loss of greenbelt has not been properly assessed in the revised plan.
- green space is even more important now, not just in terms of the amenity it provides, but also the importance in terms of allowing absorption of rainfall, climate change, will mean more unpredictable weather events and building on green spaces will ensure an increase in runoff and local flooding.
- the urbanisation of areas will lead to an increase in traffic congestion and with no planned increase in road infrastructure, particularly the crossings over the manchester ship canal or bridgewater canal, will mean a substantial increase in standing traffic and the associated raised pollution levels.
- The town centre, requires further development and housing suitable for first time buyers who would be able to access public transport. Placing houses in areas without adequate public transport, merely drives people into their cars to access work, shops and schools. We need a plan to encourage more sustainable development and where households can access services locally without developing commuter belts. We are in a climate emergency and the plan does not recognise this and the need to make housing and development sustainable. This increased reliance on road traffic does not fit with the UKs Climate Change plan.
- there is no plan on delivering improvements to the A49, particularly north from the M56.
- the plan is vague in it's detail and seems to be deliberately so, which means the public cannot truly see the exact definitions of areas to be developed.

Kind regards  
Michelle Clark