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Dear Sir/Madam,

I have some comments on the New Local Plan, as follows:

PMM2: To achieve the aims of reducing reliance on private cars and making town centre areas vibrant, you should be looking at the redundant/derelict/neglected areas near the town centre, rather than ripping up green spaces two miles out of town.

PMM6: If projections now show lower-than-expected household growth, why do the numbers of dwellings in the plan keep rising?

PMM11: The jump to 520-720 homes in the Gomm Valley and Ashwells runs contrary to the reductions in expected household growth projections. The planning application currently on the table further increases the number of dwellings to 1,000. Numbers should be going down, not ever-upwards.

Weaning households away from their cars is a cultural shift that will take time, possibly generations. We all know that two-car families are the current norm, more if young adults still live at home. The short-to-medium term impact of c.2,000 extra cars plus all the vehicles visiting the new Lidl store will wreak havoc on the existing road infrastructure in this area of the A40. It can already take several changes of lights to get through each junction, adding significantly to journey time and air pollution. Current proposals significantly risk harming the quality of life for existing as well as new residents.

All early planning and consultation were based on around half the current numbers of dwellings now being proposed. It would seem common sense to re-start the planning and consultations, based on the real numbers of dwellings, if you are to avoid a complete gridlock on the roads in this area.

Yours faithfully,

Graeme Chandler

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