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Good afternoon

Please find attached an email from the comments box.

Thanks

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>>> Patrick Bird [REDACTED] > 09/12/2014 15:25 >>>

Good Afternoon

I wanted to comment on the local plan for the VOWH but have found the whole process so complicated that I have given up however I would like my views to be heard and registered.

I live in north Abingdon where 800 to 1000 houses are planned to be built mostly on Green Belt land, my understanding is that land should only be used in extreme circumstances and the lack of housing is not an "extreme" circumstance and therefore the green belt should not be touched.

The jobs that are supposed to be created in 17 years' time are mainly located to the South of Abingdon and yet the plan is to build in north Abingdon. This will create even more issues for the town in terms of gridlock around the ring road which now essentially becomes a residential road and will need traffic lights and roundabouts. The A34 is already at capacity, is desperately in need of a diamond interchange and will become even more difficult to drive on with more cars. The town centre will become even more gridlocked with people trying to use it as a cut through to the south of the town.

It is only a couple of years ago that the council were saying that 13,000 houses were needed by 2031 this has now increased to a very precise figure of 20560, how can such accuracy arise when looking ahead 17 years when there this has already been an error in excess of 58.1% in 2 years?

Thank you
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