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Dear Sir,

Local Plan Consultation.

We have read the latest draft of the Local Plan and submit the following comments in response to the consultation:-

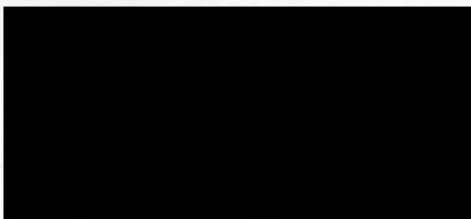
- We fully support the preparation and adoption of a local plan and congratulate the District Council on conducting an open and thorough process.
- The plan takes a holistic approach to managing development, including homes, employment opportunities and infrastructure. We absolutely support this approach as vital to the economic prosperity and well-being of local citizens. The provision of adequate schooling and health facilities remains essential.
- We support the proposed adoption of the principles for Garden Towns, Suburbs and Villages for the development of housing.
- We note that the number of new homes needed remains uncertain, with research not yet concluded and widely differing opinions within communities. The holistic approach mentioned above must be protected which would be impossibly expensive with piecemeal "pepper pot" development if it turns out a lower number of homes were needed and all the development sites proposed were used. Perhaps some prioritisation or a hierarchy of sites is needed to allow a balanced scaling back if less homes are needed in the final analysis. The existing green belt should be protected unless the higher figure of 12,300 homes is actually needed.

- Where new housing is added to existing communities we strongly feel that it should reflect actual community need rather than be formula driven as currently suggested. For example, in Hampton Magna, close to us, there is a need for accommodation for older residents wishing to 'downsize' and young people. Small or sheltered bungalows and starter homes could free up the existing family sized homes.
- Where housing is added to existing communities we suggest the green spaces envisaged in the 'garden principles' mentioned above are placed between new and existing dwellings to lessen the impact on existing home owners.
- ~In Primary Service Villages we feel impact and integration would be better managed by additions being in smaller blocks of say no more than 33 dwellings. E.g. 3 blocks or groupings to achieve a total of 100 houses.

Gypsy Sites

- The District Council should provide sites for gypsy families along the lines suggested. The provision of small sites say, 8 pitches to meet the 23 projected, would lessen impact.
- We suggest that the plot or pitch size should never be bigger than the average of the average size housing plot for new building. This provides equity of provision in accommodation to be used as the occupant thinks fit.

Yours sincerely



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