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I wish to respond to the draft local plan.

As a resident of [REDACTED] Stretton, I am very concerned by the draft plan. [REDACTED]

The busy road is already in a dangerous and congested state due to the heavy volume of traffic. This causes major concerns for me not least in regard to the safety issues [REDACTED]. The road needs less traffic and a reduced speed limit. There is incredibly poor public transport provision, which only adds to the problems with pollution, congestion and safety for pedestrians.

The draft plan is only going to make this worse when measures are required now, with current housing levels, to reduce traffic and increase safety for residents on the main road. Such problems are exacerbated by the proximity of the M6 and M56. The A49 is a residential road and this is not taken into account in the plan at all. Quite the opposite. The planned new roads will simply act as a magnet for more traffic. Making congestion and safety even worse for residents.

Further, the volume of new houses will create an intolerable level of traffic heading down the A49 to facilities at Stockton Heath.

The plan needs to make detailed provision for ensuring less congestion for London Road residents, not more. Improved safety and reduced speed limits, not heavier levels of traffic. And more relief from motorway congestion, not more. It doesn't take a genius to work out where cars will head when local motorways are blocked or closed.

Finally, I don't understand how a desire for city status can amount to "exceptional circumstances" in regard to use of the green belt. This needs much more detail and explaining.

That said, my my concern is traffic and for the safety of my family. I don't see any detail in the plan setting out protections or measures for protecting the interests of local residents.

For these reasons I am opposed to the draft plan in its current form.

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