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I am writing to express my concern at some aspects of the local plan which I feel is not sound

First I feel 20 years is too long to assess housing need and that housing need should to some extent be aligned to demand from those likely to be working in or very near the Borough. Long commutes are environmentally damaging.

Second too much of the development is concentrated in the south east quadrant of the Borough

Third garden cities are an outdated form of development from the pre and post war years, as they are a very wasteful use of land which causes high maintenance costs (grass cutting etc)

Fourth green belt should be protected except in the most exceptional cases. There is no point in having green belt if it can be nibbled away in the way proposed

Fifth there is not enough indication in the plan about how the extra traffic is to be managed. Provision can be made for garaging and parking cars when they are not in use but traffic congestion is bad now at certain times and points. The real difficulty comes when the extra traffic is trying to get on to the major roads and motorways.

One final point is to ask whether modular houses have been considered for some of the new building? These can be erected more cheaply and quickly than the traditional build

Yours truly Glenys and James Henderson