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Hello again,

A little later than I had hoped (a rather unpleasant bug has kept me bed bound) I have completed my draft submission on the Core Strategy. As you will know the form (which can be completed on line at www.broxtowe.gov.uk or in hard copy) is technical and not at all user friendly, as I made clear to the Minister at the beginning of my speech in Parliament last week. Please let me know if you would like a form or any help in completing it but you will have to be quick the deadline is Monday July 23 at 5pm

There are two important parts to the form - your views on the policies contained in the Core Strategy (Question 5 (b)) and whether you consider it to be "legally compliant or sound" (Questions 6 and 7, give your reasons in Paragraph 8). Hopefully my two documents make this clear.

I have put my submission on the policy side of the Core Strategy on my web site and please click [here](#) to read it.

My comments on "legally compliant or sound" (Paragraph 8) can also be read on my web site and please click [here](#) to read them.

These are drafts – my final submission will be made on Monday before the 5pm

deadline. I welcome all comments please.

In short, Broxtowe should have set its own housing target; instead our Green Belt is to be used to accommodate the needs of the City. Last week's Census results show Broxtowe's population grew by 2,000 from 2001 to 2010; the City's population grew by 37,000. There is no evidence on what basis the overall target has been divided up between the Councils; Broxtowe has to find sites for 6,150 houses when we only have enough brown field land for 3,000 - 3,500 homes. The rest must go on our Green Belt.



There is a woeful lack of any plan for development other than thousands of houses. Kimberley, Stapleford and Eastwood are designated "District Centres" though Beeston retains its status as a Town Centre (I am not aware Kimberley or Stapleford have been consulted on this designation).

There are no infrastructure improvements proposed for Broxtowe. We don't have a single road marked as in need of improvement but somehow we are going to be able to cope with 6,150 more houses. There is no plan for growth or jobs, no plans to enhance our historical places or our culture.

We do have plans for "affordable housing" - it's a target of 30% Gedling's target is "10%,20%,30% depending on location".

The City's target is 20%. And affordable housing is not sensibly priced starter homes – it is rented or housing association shared equity schemes. Why can't we have the same target as Gedling?

And there are no plans for housing to meet the demands of an increasingly ageing population.

Kimberley, Watnall and Kimberley have been lumped in together and told they will have 600 houses. Eastwood comprises the town, Greasley, Giltbrook and Moorgreen – they are to have 1400 houses. But no sites are identified, that, apparently comes later.

Field Farm, a Green Belt site is marked as suitable for development now, but the brown field land at Boots is allocated for development in 6 years time. Make no mistake, Field Farm, a Green Belt site is put forward first for development. No wonder STRAG and people in Stapleford feel so betrayed by their Councillors who voted for the Core Strategy.

There has been a pitiful lack of consultation with town and parish councils and most importantly, the people of Broxtowe, as witnessed at Tuesday evening's public meeting in Kimberley. Thank you to everyone who attended. There was also anger at the public meeting in Greasley; residents there are faced with a huge target and like Kimberley,

with no sites made clear in the Core Strategy.

Sunday's meeting in Toton revealed that leaders of TEPS have been persuaded to support the Core Strategy with its target of 6,150 and in the face of an application next month to build 800 homes on their Green Belt.

I don't know who is advising them (they had even been supplied with printed questions to ask me!) but my advice and the advice of their Borough and County Councillors has been completely ignored.

I think the leaders of TEPS should remind themselves which Councillors made their Green Belt land a preferred site in the first place and in so doing have made the site vulnerable to development. Those same Councillors only changed their mind in the face of public opposition. Some say their own political ambitions played a part in their reasoning; I couldn't possibly comment. What I do know is that I have asked those Councillors to give an assurance that the land at Toton is safe from development and I am still waiting for a response. I also know that the Core Strategy does not identify sites for 2,550 houses.



Kimberley Brewery site – an obvious choice for a Neighbourhood Plan doesn't even feature in the document.

The Borough Council, led by the town's Borough Councillors should have worked with SOBS, the Town Council and people of Kimberley to look at how jobs can be created, community facilities improved, the tram extended and new homes built.

Those Councillors who voted for this inadequate "Core Strategy", that squanders a golden opportunity to shape the future of Broxtowe, should hang their heads in shame.

The Core Strategy flies in the face of Government policy that Green Belt land should not be developed save for exceptional or special circumstances.

Making good Nottingham's failed housing policy is not an exceptional or special circumstance but it is a travesty when you put it above the wishes and needs of your own residents.

Broxtowe should have a Core Strategy that provides thousands of homes to meet our needs, that will rejuvenate our towns and communities, improve our infrastructure, enhance our history and culture and protect our Green Belt for generations to come.

And finally...

It's the Kimberley Pram race tomorrow (Sunday July 22) starting around lunchtime. if you have never experienced this amazing event then please go along! I am holding a surgery next Saturday July 28 at Stapleford, please call if you would

like an appointment.

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