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Dear Mr Kemp,

I respond to your letter dated 22nd August 2014 in which you allow the facility to add additional comments to those I initially raised. These are as follows:

Although Planning Policy is very clear in that it is supposed to allow communities back into the planning process. It is clear to me that this has not happened in this instance in that:

1. None of the comments raised by local residents have been listened to.
2. The process was (intentionally) made too complex by virtue of the fact that we were asked to comment on whether this plan was sound or legally compliant. A fairer and more evenhanded expectation would have been to take on board the feedback on the content of the plan and the issues that the local residents' currently face.

It is clear that the principle of local communities having a greater say in where new housing goes is not being applied in this case. Local residents have a real understanding of the area and the effect that a sustainable extension and employment zone will have.

Although I fully understand that a public examination of this plan is an independent appraisal, it is both worrying and disappointing that the Council's clear stance is not to have taken into account our views in any way.

I hope that there is a clear distinction between a 'NIMBY' attitude and one of real concern that current services and structure are already overstretched.

Although the prospect of losing our green belt is distressing, this is not the (only) issue at point. It is the inevitable calamitous impact that a housing development of this scale will have on the current infrastructure and our local community.

Good Hope hospital is in consultation on transferring services to Heartlands even now. An additional population of circa 10,000 would exacerbate a situation that is already severely detrimental. *This has not even been touched on in the plan.*

In short, it is vital that before we can even contemplate examining the issue of facilities for the SUE, we must ensure that we have the correct infrastructure for our current community.

I sincerely hope for a more positive outcome from the public examination than we have 'enjoyed' from our Council.

Your sincerely