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Dear Mr Kemp

Public Examination of Birmingham City  
Council plan to build homes & commercial  
zone at Langley & Beddencore

I am writing to register my amazement and concern that, despite receiving nearly 6000 comments on their BDP, they have seen fit to make not one single change!

I was one of the many residents that commented, raising doubts about the proposals. The BDP simply does not include proper provision for improvements to the traffic infrastructure, given that congestion is very bad now at peak times. It includes no convincing plans to upgrade local roads to cater for vehicles from 6000 new homes, plus heavy commercial vehicles entering & leaving the proposed

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industrial zone at Reddins.

Similarly, hospital provision will be woefully inadequate - many services formerly provided by Good Hope are now delivered elsewhere, forcing people to travel to Heartlands et al. And the BDP allows no allocated funding for clinics, doctors surgeries to cater for the extra residents.

There is no committed funding for additional schools.

The council have clearly not properly considered using the large amount of brownfield space currently available in the city. There are numerous empty commercial sites close to Reddins & all along the A38 corridor towards the city centre. My understanding is that the National Planning Framework requires the use of brownfield sites before green belt land is considered.

Several gardens flooded after heavy rain earlier this year due to run-off from adjacent fields. Building 6000 homes close by plus a commercial zone will dramatically increase that risk & BCC do not seem to have considered this properly.

Local residents have not been given a proper chance to consult. The BDP was extremely long, complicated & hard to understand. The Wottonley Residents Association, local church groups & other local organisations have not been consulted by the BCC.

Yours sincerely  
Michael Griffiths