

Dear Mr. Kemp,

B'HAM DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2031

Please find enclosed (two sheets) my comments concerning Brown Field sites/Green Belt land, which I wish to raise with you. I feel very strongly about this subject because if one travels around the whole of the B'ham area, north, south, east and west, one will find many areas of land (derelict/grassed over) which if treated properly could be used for property development. As I have said in my comments, why not go for these sites thus tidying up the City area before deciding to grab Green Belt which can never be reclaimed once encroached upon?

Yours sincerely,

P. Pardoe-Williams.

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I am very disappointed to hear that B'ham City Council has chosen to ignore over 5000 comments made by local residents to the proposed taking of green Belt land (Langley Sustainable Urban Extension) to build a possible 6000 dwellings. In the document sent to me "Examination Hearings Programme & Inspector's Issues and Questions", the word BROWNFIELD SITES is mentioned only once i.e. Matter L: Climate change and Flood Risk (BDP policies TPI-6), question 5.

According to the National Planning Policy Framework, it is explicit that green Belt boundaries ~~should~~ only be encroached upon in very exceptional circumstances. This means ALL avenues of housing development within B'ham City boundary are exhausted before even attacking the green Belt. To me, this means cleaning up and developing Brown Field sites.

What about the 17,000 homes for which planning permission has already been granted by B'ham City Council? also there is a need to fill the 12,000 vacant properties. In my book, that means 29,000 properties already available for building or occupation. B'ham City Council obviously has not done this exercise as there probably would

not be a need to even consider encroaching onto  
Green Belt for the foreseeable future.

Why not go down this avenue and see what the  
situation is in a few years time and then reassess  
the whole situation! The population prediction  
for the B'ham area may have changed completely  
by then.

Peter Pardo-Williams (10-9-14).