



10th September 2014

Dear Mr. Kemp

BIRMINGHAM DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2031

I have received copies of various documents which relate to comments and objections I have previously submitted to Birmingham City Council planning department in relation to the proposed development at Pedimore/ A38 corridor

I am also aware that despite objections and comments from 1,524 people and organisations which produced a total of 5,863 comments the council has not found a single valid comment with the exception of some procedural matters.

I am astonished that out of such a large response nothing of any consequence has been forthcoming in the planning departments seemingly extremely biased opinion.

In a similar vein the public consultation has in my opinion been made extremely difficult to participate in, by the bureaucratic and complicated nature of the documentation involved it is not an overstatement to say that a degree in town planning would be a minimum requirement in order to fully participate in the debate.

Having read the documents and comments coming from the planning department the problems already encountered by local residents caused by extreme traffic congestion at peak times, over full local amenities, and hospitals stretched to breaking point treating patients from the huge population of North Birmingham and Staffordshire have been ignored.

The pollution problems in the area are extremely concerning and with no apparent plans for improvement of infrastructure and more industry envisaged the entire scheme will prove to be an environment disaster.


I trust that the examination of the plan will not rubber stamp this ill conceived and poorly thought out idea which the city council and planning department should be thoroughly ashamed.

I and many others I am sure would accept that there is a need for provision of more housing and industry but much more could be provided from the huge swathes of unused and derelict land within Greater Birmingham area.

Within three miles of the proposed site HS 2 is already in the advanced stage of planning preparation. We already have the M6 toll motorway and the M42 motorway.

I therefore trust that the enquiry will take an unbiased view of the proposals and return them to the planning department in order that a more suitable solution can be found.

Yours Sincerely



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