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intention is to build upon the Green Belt of Sutton Coldfield before all other possible options of Brown Field sites or the expansion of smaller outlying towns and villages are explored. Many small villages are in danger of dying since their young people can no longer afford to live

was built it swiftly became an estate of gangs and violence. Now although it has been given a face-lift, is it accepted as a part of Sutton Coldfield? Take Harvest Fields and the Garrison Estates. They are just developments of houses without any other facilities and amenities. Where do their young people go to school or socialize? How do young families manage to afford those houses?

people will have to walk or cycle to their nearest station. Presuming

diameter or smaller because those are the particles that generally pass through the throat and nose and enter the lungs. Once inhaled, these particles can affect the heart and lungs and cause serious health effects. EPA groups particle pollution into two categories:

- ! "Inhalable coarse particles," such as those found near roadways and dusty industries, are larger than 2.5 micrometers and smaller than 10 micrometers in diameter.
- ! "Fine particles," such as those found in smoke and haze, are 2.5 micrometers in diameter and smaller. These particles can be directly emitted from sources such as forest fires, or they can form when gases emitted from power plants, industries and automobiles react in the air. "

In Sutton Coldfield there is an already over-stretched Good Hope Hospital, which, as far as I can see, there are no plans to extend this to cope with an additional population. Always bear in mind that the population of Sutton Coldfield is already an aging population and there will be an increasing demand upon its already busy team

All I have seen in the Plan is a vague promise of Health Facilities, more and better particulars are needed before any judgment can be made as to whether or not they will be sufficient. Additionally I assume that the BCC/ Health Service will be at the sharp end to provide funding, will this be available at the start of the house building so that the housing and "health facilities" can be constructed and occupied concurrently?

As previously mentioned my wife is a sufferer of chronic lung disease and even the current inadequate hospital situation is a major worry to me. The fact that the Planners did not consult with Good Hope Hospital prior to publishing their Plan shows how out of touch they really are.

According to information I have received there are no plans by either Good Hope or Heartlands Hospitals for any major expansion of their facilities, particularly A&E departments.

Sust ainability? The Green Belt land that this development is planned for is viable agricultural farmland and produces regular crops with

satisfactory yields. Once that is built upon it will be lost as farmland for ever — where will future generations produce their food when we are living on a concrete island?

Flooding? There are currently huge concerns about surface water

and shared with the Leaders of local community and what feed-back they received from them? None of our Local Councillors are in favour of this development so I am certain that harsh words have been said and yet BCC is still pushing ahead (methinks "Something is rotten in the state of Denmark")

Certainly the shared vision for this development has never been promulgated amongst those most affected. We live only 100 meters away from the fields concerned and we have never had any correspondence from the Council. I found out about the proposal by shear accident and none of my neighbours knew of it at all. Surely Birmingham City Council has a duty to inform and consult with us?

I feel very strongly that the BCC has been rather underhand in its dealings with the residents of Sutton Coldfield.

What consultation was done with local Head Teachers or Doctors or Hospital Trusts?

What consultation was done with the Chief Constable of West Midlands Police and the Chiefs of the Fire and Ambulance Services?

So what can I suggest as an alternative?

Firstly, BCC must actively consult with local people on, if and how they want regeneration of their tired inner-city neighbourhoods. Then North of Birmingham there are great swathes of ex mining land that needs regeneration, the small communities there are desperate for an injection of energy.

That area is well served by the motorways, is not reliant upon the already over-crowded arterial routes into and out of the City Centres.

Secondly, All Brown Field sites must be fully used before any Green Belt is used.

Thirdly, The responsible LEP should be consulting with neighbouring towns and outlying villages to see if some of Birmingham's overspill can be housed within their borders.

I have read that Birmingham is ambitious (to quote Albert Bore) but at the expense of the quality of life among its inhabitants? So very wrong.