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Dear Sir/Madam

Local Development Framework (LDF) Core Strategy Direction of Travel – Comments

I wish to register the following comments regarding the LDF Core Strategy Direction of Travel document and the way in which the proposed policies will have a negative impact on the quality of life in New Barnet.

Policy CS1 states that New Barnet is one of the six largest town centres in Barnet. This is factually incorrect. **New Barnet is in fact the smallest district town centre** sited entirely within LB Barnet as measured by either number of units or total floorspace. This is set out clearly in Appendix 2C of the GVA Grimley Town Centre Floorspace Needs Assessment dated April 2009. In addition, New Barnet is identified in the London Plan as one of the smallest district centres in Greater London.

I therefore wish the reference to New Barnet to be deleted from Policy CS1 and at section 7.1.10

Policy CS2 states that Barnet will promote the following sustainable locations with good access to public transport as the main focus of enhancement and **major infill housing development**. In the same policy it makes reference to the **A110 East Barnet Road as one of these locations**. The Barnet Characterisation Study states that in New Barnet, “There is an overall consistency of massing within the built form, with most residential units rising to two or three storeys at most”. There is a significant risk that identifying East Barnet Road as a location for **major infill housing development** will put it in direct conflict with the evidence of the Characterisation Study.

I therefore wish the reference to New Barnet or A110 East Barnet Road to be removed from Policy CS2 and from sections 7.1.11, 8.1.8 and 8.1.9

Policy CS4 states that you will realise development opportunities in New Barnet yet it provides no details of what those development opportunities include. This policy is far too vague and ambiguous. It should either be made more specific or deleted.

I therefore wish you to remove the reference to New Barnet in Policy CS4

Policy CS6 states that you will encourage new mixed use commercial floorspace in New Barnet where access to public transport is good. At this time it is unclear as to what will be the outcome of the Town Centre Framework and therefore advocating a policy of promoting mixed use commercial floor space may preclude other options such as residential development.

I therefore wish you to remove the reference to New Barnet from Policy CS6

signature

Yes No

I wish to be notified when the Core Strategy Direction of Travel is adopted.

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