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Objection to Draft Local Plan

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Re: Draft Local Plan

I would like to register my objection to the draft local plan, particularly the transport topic.

The proposed implementation of the strategic aim of reducing traffic and pollution will negatively impact significant numbers of local residents in Rough Common, Harbledown and Upper Harbledown. These are small villages and unsuitable for increased traffic without negative impact on quality of life and local pedestrian safety.

Access to important facilities such as doctors' surgeries, pharmacies, sports and leisure facilities, schools, colleges and supermarkets will be much more difficult and remove choice for many residents with the introduction of zones and no vehicle access to adjacent zones without significantly increased mileage and road usage.

I do not have confidence in the council's plans to improve public transport. Public transport in and out of the city is very poor and my local bus service has been reduced making it impossible for me to maintain mobility and access to vital facilities without using a private car. Bus services are infrequent and too expensive. There is no guarantee that the bus services would improve in the future and therefore the proposed plans could cut off access to the city for significant numbers of people.

Overall, the plan lacks social and economic inclusivity. Whilst walking and cycling are great if you are able bodied and fit, a great number of people would be disadvantaged as the distances are too far to walk, not everyone can (or wants to) cycle or has access to a bicycle, difficulties with carrying shopping bags would impact shopping behaviours and limit choice (such as being able to access a cheaper supermarket or farmer's market). You do not have to be registered disabled to experience difficulty with mobility.

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