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Dear Team,

I have consulted the Local District plan. I thought there were some very good points made. eg:

- 1 References to Protected Sites eg Blean Wood
- 2 References to increasing biodiversity. I should be interested to see more on how they plan to do this.
- 3 References to investment in digital infrastructure - what these would be needs to be clarified

I was pleased to see concerns re climate change ran through the report. These need to be identified and addressed specifically

I was pleased to see plans to create significant new areas of accessible high quality open spaces were included as were plans to support the recovery of nature and biodiversity and to provide a resilient water supply.

I was pleased to see housing is to be of a high quality, low carbon and energy and water efficient.

Many proposals are admirable eg community orchards and allotments.

I am concerned at the proposed number of new houses to be built each year and would urge brown field sites, though few in number, be looked at first. It is good that new communities of more than 300 homes will require a masterplan.

I thought there was much to praise in the plan, in the points I have outlined.

It would be wonderful if such a place could be created and sustained. It will prove challenging but challenge is essential if our problems are to be addressed. The plans need real commitment and sustainable financial support.

I wish the council success in its plans to protect the environment and to develop in a sustainable way.

Yours faithfully,

