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To Whom it Concerns

While welcoming the Solihull Draft Local Plan and its contingencies, I feel the Devil is in the detail.

I wish to refer to pages 277/281-288, I honestly hope those making decisions on future plans should recognise the Fears and Anxieties of the local residence in Newby Grove and Clopton Crescent, where the land adjacent to their homes could be developed for Housing, including the land soon to be reclaimed with the possible closure of the Solihull Works Depot Compound. Residence feel this land should be restored to its original use, which I also refer later to in my letter.

On the 3rd December 2018 residence were invited to a Meeting with Fordbridge Town Council. In attendance was Mr. John Hutton representing White Friars Housing restoration. What followed was a fervent and vociferous concerns expressed by a very large group of the Residents who have previously organised a petition stating objections to any encroachment to the said land and signed by 79 people. Just to add also Fordbridge T.C. unanimously supported the Local Residents objections. The Solihull Green Party District Councillor

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are 100 per cent behind the Residents and Local M.P. Caroline Spellman as raised the concerns with the Local Authority. This very small pocket of pleasant open green space if utilised would as many suggested lower the tone of the area which geographically is very much part of the gateway to North Solihull. Blots and eyesores on the landscape would serve as a negative attraction to all those excursioning or visiting on the proposed extension of the Metro Rail link from B'Ham via NEC and Airport. I am convinced many might conclude a perception not conducive to our future prosperity, major developments or investments.

I have recently been corresponding with S.M.B in regards to the overhaul merits of Housing Developments on the land adjacent to Newby Grove and Elopston Crescent.

Furthermore, historically since 1978 when the Local Planning Authority Dept sneaked through Planning application to build the Public Works Depot. This episode is still very contentious to-day with total disregard to the Lands Covenant and the legacy left to the Community by previous Land Owners. Finally, I do urge everyone involved in future planning to take a more holistic view into the comparison to the narrow minded of a smattering of Mini Housing projects on small pockets of land, closetting people into Housing creating possible future ghettos and all its iniquities which unfortunately we all witness presently on a daily basis. So let us all learn from History and mistakes by Planners in the past. And we beg to leave us with breathing space to enjoy. Please keep me informed of my stated concerns.

Yours faithfully [REDACTED]