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**Cc:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Objection to Draft Local Plan

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**Attachments:** [REDACTED]

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Dear Sir/ Madam,

I write as both a Cambridge resident and as a highly experienced and informed historic environment professional deeply engaged with the challenges of climate change, to object to the Draft Local Plan First Proposals. I attach my comments for which I have used the form provided, but I have not been able to transcribe them into the Council's consultation system within the time available to me.

I am copying in my Ward Councillors, to make them also aware of my very strong objections to this consultation in terms of its prematurity as well as its content.

I set out the basis of my concerns regarding both the process and the content in the attached, but in writing I want to express my extreme concern that this consultation has been carried out in the pre-Christmas period, with a wholly inadequate Evidence Base which does not address vital environmental capacity issues, before next year's consultation on the Regional Water Plan, and before any publicly-acceptable solution to existing transport capacity issues is in sight.

Many people have been put to a great deal of time and effort, at a particularly busy time, in responding to these premature First Proposals. Why couldn't the Councils have held this consultation back to coordinate better with water and transport consultations? Then everyone could have been more able to consider the full picture.

And as part of that vital full picture, why haven't the Councils carried out an assessment of Environmental Capacity and the potential limits to Growth? I cannot see how the City Council can possibly reconcile this omission with its sign-up to the principles of Doughnut Economics. And why are the Councils accepting, without question, the scale of the Ox-Cam Arc growth proposals which are so out-of-date in terms of "levelling up"?

Councillors, I would appreciate your answers to these questions.

regards

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