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Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to comment on the proposals for more housing development in Cam. I was unable to attend the consultation display in Cam, but my wife went and brought back the "page 95" leaflet.

The map is totally inadequate. Much too small and badly printed. No road names or numbers. No indication of North. Railway and motorway not labelled, railway station not marked.

The language which is used under the heading "PS24 West of Draycott" is appalling - full of jargon and cliches and would be laughable if the matter were not so serious.

I have lived in Cam since February 2004 and was a frequent user of Cam and Dursley station until my retirement in 2017. I was fortunate that I was fit enough to walk or cycle the 1.5 miles to the station as the bus service is totally inadequate and one can never rely on car parking being available. The recent and current developments along Box Road have raised the access to the station to crisis levels. I cannot understand why planning conditions are not imposed upon developers to provide proper transport infrastructure before development begins. Nor do I understand why planning conditions do not require developers to maintain proper access for the public to use public roads and footpaths without major inconvenience and delay.

Positive suggestions:

1. A much more robust response by local government to national government to require national planning for the redistribution of employment opportunities to areas of the country which would welcome more investment and housing.
2. A serious approach to sustainable transport systems. Safe cycle and walking routes through Cam and Dursley. (It has been talked about since at least 2004, but nothing has happened). Much more coherent and frequent bus services. Parking at the railway station and in Dursley and Cam centres (with very high charges) only provided for those people who are unable because of disability to use public transport.
3. Pavements and footpaths repaired, lit, cleaned and maintained. Vehicles banned from parking on pavements, with suitable enforcement.
4. Integrated rail and bus services.
5. Ending the policy of parental choice of schools and returning schools to the control of local authorities. Local authorities should have the ability to plan education provision in a coherent way and be democratically accountable. Children being driven miles to school out of their local area has added significantly to the amount of traffic on our roads. I understand that these are decisions and powers of the national government, but local councillors and planning officers should be doing all they can to persuade and explain how much damage is being done to our environment and how much money is being wasted by the current policies.

I look forward to your response.

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