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Hello

I know that this email is slightly after the deadline, but as it's a general comment, and in my mitigation, I'm currently in Spain visiting elderly family who have NO WiFi, so when I saw your reminder on Twitter that yesterday was the closing date for comments, I rushed into town to find a coffee shop with connectivity to send this email! :)

The point that I'd like to make is that the Plan makes lots of provision and reference to housing and transportation policies, but what I'd like to talk about is accessibility in its widest sense. I'd like to make the following specific points:

- Communities - we need to concentrate on developing our existing communities and developing and integrating the new ones being built. To do this, we need to have communities that offer all the basic needs: good quality, affordable housing, local play spaces, local shopping, facilities where the communities can come together, and good quality, reliable and affordable transport to enable people to travel to and from those communities. To do this, we need to ensure that as far as possible, to avoid travel, the communities need to be self-supporting as far as possible when it comes to all of these things.
 - This means accessibility in their communities to high-speed broadband to avoid people's need to travel for work where at all possible; more and more office-based jobs can be done remotely nowadays, but we need everyone to have access to high-speed broadband and mobile networks in the communities where they live. I live a mile outside Dursley, and struggle with both. This is a basic necessity to be providing.
 - We need more co-working spaces in our towns and villages - my nearest one is Stroud, Chalford or Stone - that's madness. Providing co-working in the locality where people live avoids the need for so many people and especially young ones to travel to work, yet it provides the social connection that we all need as human beings.
 - We need to be providing [co-living options](#) in our District; whilst they're becoming commonplace in our cities now, why should we not encourage them in our rural towns? They are a great way of keeping our young talent local and provide a great alternative to renting often poor quality and expensive housing.
 - We need to be providing more open spaces and places for children to play in their local area - developers need to be told that this is a priority if they're to build in our communities.
- Housing - we need to link housing development to accessibility to services. Where this isn't possible, the presumption in the development of new housing must be walking and cycling not car use. So

development like the one in Eastington off the A417 roundabout MUST have cycle paths and pavements to Stonehouse and Eastington to give safe alternatives to car and access to public transport.

- Cycling - Cycle provision must be made on all new housing estates and in council car parks - (covered parking, recharging points for electric bikes as well as electric cars, pumps and basic repair kits). All of this is basic elsewhere in Europe; it is a necessity for locals, and a great benefit for visitors to our District.
- Electric charging points for cars - standard in all car parks over 20 spaces - that's just basic!

I could go on, but I would hope that you will have got the gist of my feedback: provide proper, good quality facilities locally where people live, and you will, over time, avoid the need for so many people to travel, thereby reducing with the negative impact on our roads, environment and climate.

Kind regard

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