

# **BROMHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

Our ref: BPC/JB/OM

19 March 2018

Local Plan 2035 Consultation  
Planning Policy Team  
Bedford Borough Council  
Borough Hall  
Cauldwell Street  
Bedford  
MK42 9AP

Dear Sir/Madam

**Re: Bedford Borough Council Local Plan 2035 Consultation**

Bromham Parish Council, and the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group have carefully considered the consultation of the Bedford Borough Local Plan 2035.

Whilst we appreciate the effort that Bedford Borough Council have invested in producing a coherent plan, we are concerned at the level of growth expected for the more rural areas, particularly with the insufficient transport provisions. Bromham is already suffering the effect of traffic issues on the A428, meaning more cars using the centre of the Village as a short cut to avoid queuing traffic.

Residents of the Village are particularly concerned that with the additional 500 houses that Bromham is expected to deliver by 2035 that congestion could be exacerbated in Bromham and on the A428. We are hopeful that with the new investment in road networks in the urban area, may in part ease these problems.

Whilst we understand the need for rural areas to share in the housing demands, the proposed allocation in the Key Service Centres remains significant, and we would support the proposed further allocation of housing in the urban areas of Bedford and Kempston, where the infrastructure and facilities are far greater.

We would also strongly support the development of new settlements, and the proposed use of the brownfield site at Stewartby.

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However, we would wish to object to the two proposals 1. Policy 19 Gold Lane Biddenham, and 2. Policy 23 Land to the rear of Bromham Road, Biddenham, which we believe would compromise the integrity of Bromham as a Village, something which residents expressed strong views about in our neighbourhood plan consultations. These sites would also impact on the countryside views and vista that are key to retaining the “village feel”. Any form of coalescence of Biddenham and Bromham would be unacceptable, and must be avoided.

Yours sincerely

Julie Betts, Clerk

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