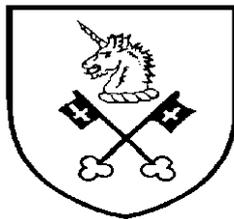


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1<sup>st</sup> February 2013

Dear Mr Fisher,

## **CHESHIRE EAST LOCAL PLAN DEVELOPMENT OPTIONS CONSULTATION**

Thank you for meeting with myself, my fellow Parish Councillor, Lillian Burns, and our Principal Authority Councillor, Paul Findlow, on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012.

At the time we met with you, we had already seen the Cheshire East Council (CEC) Local Plan Development Options papers that were destined for the Strategic Planning Board meeting on December 6<sup>th</sup> and the Cabinet meeting on December 10<sup>th</sup>. These papers now constitute the official consultation documentation and we wish to re-express the concerns we put to you verbally on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, and to expand upon them as part of our formal response to the CEC Development Options consultation.

In summary:

(1) We welcome the fact that the following Green Belt 'alternative' sites have not been favoured for progression through the Local Plan. These are (a) Macclesfield Site 5, land west of Priory Lane including the Macclesfield Rugby Club site which lies within Prestbury Parish, and (b) Macclesfield Sites 6 & 8 which most immediately adjoin this parish, the land north of Birtles Road and the land north of Prestbury Road. We gave our reasons in our response to the Draft Macclesfield Town Strategy consultation as to why we felt these were unsustainable.

(2) We question whether the principal authority's growth aspirations are realistic at a time when the impacts of recession are predicted to last for at least the next decade. We suggest that more can be done to exploit brown field sites, and we question whether the full implications of the proposals set out in the Development Options documents have been fully analysed and understood.

(3) We are seriously concerned at the proposed diminution of the North Cheshire Green Belt by 348.84 hectares (not including the land-take involved in road building) and the loss of delineating greenbelt which separates the villages of North East Cheshire from the Greater Manchester conurbation.

(4) We still seek answers to the fears which we have repeatedly expressed about the cumulative impacts of the Plan's proposals on Prestbury Parish.

On the matter of local landscape criteria, we were pleased to learn from you that some work is being done on this last point, but this does not appear to form part of the current consultation and there is no proposal tabled for a landscape designation which would give some protection over and above national landscape designations in the North of the Borough.

Please find our detailed submission enclosed.

Yours sincerely,

**ARTHUR DICKEN**, Chairman