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This council's aggressive stance on growth will have a huge negative impact on the quality of life of the borough's existing residents. The proposed insetting of villages and the creation of a new settlement to cope with the alleged demand will give developers a carte blanche to build. The damage will be irreversible. We would argue that it is also unsustainable and unnecessary.

Residents have told you, that infrastructure is at breaking point. The roads are congested in the countryside and in the town. Schools cannot provide the necessary places for existing children, never mind those coming to live in all the new houses. Children will be displaced from their local schools.

There is also already a lengthy wait in many parts of the borough for doctors and hospital appointments – this situation will worsen considerably as the proposals will not support new surgeries.

You have a duty to provide for existing residents and genuine future local need. Any increase in traffic is both undesirable and a barrier to growth. You owe it to current and future residents to create a vision which is both economically viable and environmentally sustainable.

Reliance on the motor car does not achieve this.

It's all very well to say that you will create cycling routes and make it easier for people to walk instead of use their cars. The reality is that

roads in the countryside are not suitable for cycle lanes or footpaths because they are too narrow and windy and designed for the days of the horse and cart. No thought has been given to what happens in the six months of the year when you go work in the dark and come home in the dark.

Residents have told you to reduce your aggressive housing number. You should be focussing on growth by improving productivity. For example:

- A reduction in the use of cars equals less congestion, shorter journey times, lower stress levels, better air quality, better use of time, better health and a better quality of life.
- Better use of technology – superfast broadband [if indeed it were superfast and everyone had it – which we don't] would enable more people to work flexibly reducing the need to commute.

By building more houses you are not only increasing supply but also demand and by doing that you are increasing the pressure on all services. The infrastructure cannot cope – even the proposed improvements will not solve the problems.

You have an opportunity – you need to be bold and think big. The draft Master Vision is a good start. Make Guildford a more attractive and cohesive town by regenerating both sides of the Wey and link it

right up to the hospital and the research park and out also to Slyfield.
This would relieve congestion, negate pressure on the greenbelt,
improve air quality and be a truly attractive and sustainable solution
for all.