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Inspector R. Foster,  
c/o The programme Officer,  
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Dear Inspector,

**Re: Joint Core Strategy for Broadland, Norwich and South Norfolk.**

I wish to object to the proposed changes to the Joint Core Strategy most of which appears to rely on the Northern Distributor Road (NDR) being built. I cannot see this happening in the near future with the financial restraints. This NDR is not the bypass as originally planned - to circle the north of the city connecting to each end of the southern bypass. The latest version has been shortened to a road leading nowhere other than to provide access for the proposed growth triangle. We are still awaiting the completion of the dualling of the A11 which connects us to London, and to Cambridge which is a research centre as is the south of Norwich. Until this happens, and until we have better links to other parts of the country, I cannot see businesses wanting to move here to provide the jobs for any new homeowners.

Following the first, or Pre Hearing meeting, at which it was stated that the GNPD's JCS was seriously flawed, you requested a Plan B, I noticed at the second Examination, no plan B was forthcoming. I thought that this was a vital component for the Examination in Public.

I have other concerns. By covering good, productive Grade 2 agricultural land we are denying farmers the opportunity of producing food, either for humans or animals. With the world wide climate change producing great floods in several countries there will be a lack of imported foods so we need to grow more of our own. Norfolk is known as an agricultural county.

Water, both drinking and drainage. In the Broadland area the local water company at first said they could only supply about 2,000 properties but with the proposed numbers in excess of 10,000 it will be almost impossible. Drainage of some of the proposed sites is into a beck, or dyke, which flows into the river Bure, from whence water is abstracted by water companies. Some of this drainage will be contaminated by the surface water coming off roads, and one has to remember that the area has a high water table.

I have been very concerned too that many of their meetings were held behind closed doors with even councillors from their own councils being barred. They only wanted to know what was going on.

Finally most householders in the Broadland are against the proposal of a growth triangle and their views and opinions are being ignored. Some, including me when writing in to the Pre-Hearing, suggested a dispersal strategy as in South Norfolk. This would keep villages more viable by keeping their schools and shops.

This Strategy should be rejected on the basis alone of it constantly employing undemocratic means to thwart the will of the people. The whole thing makes a mockery of the Localism Bill and its principles.

Yours faithfully.

Mrs. M. Howes.