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Dear Mr Foster,

**Re Joint Core Strategy for Broadland, Norwich & South Norfolk – Long Stratton**

Hempnall is a village 3 miles east of Long Stratton.

At the planning inspectorate's exploratory meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2010 in Norwich, concerns were expressed regarding the delineation of Long Stratton as a growth centre in the GNDP Joint Core Strategy. Such a high level of growth was considered to be unsound because Long Stratton is geographically isolated from Norwich and major employment locations in comparison with the other major growth locations proposed in the Core Strategy and there is little potential to deliver public transport improvements that will have a realistic chance of encouraging people out of their cars.

Hempnall Parish Council endorses the above criticisms and requests that the growth proposed for Long Stratton be drastically scaled back in order to preserve the rural character of the area. We have particular concerns relating to the huge increase in car usage that would result from the building of an additional 1,800 house at Long Stratton. Not only would these extra cars clog up the A140, bypass or no bypass, but they would also have a severe negative impact on surrounding villages, such as Hempnall, by motorists' increased use of rat runs.

I would appreciate an acknowledgement of receipt of this letter and advice as to when we should formally submit our representations on this matter to your inquiry.

Yours sincerely,  
Ian Nelson  
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