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I wish to register my objections to the draft local plan.

The plan has been extremely badly communicated to residents. The document is vast and written in planning jargon; There seems to have been no attempt to explain the thinking behind it in clear and simple English – perhaps this is intentional, as it would not do for the electors to understand too much.

Specifically, I am concerned at the proposals to infill seemingly every available space with housing. There is a public covenant on the Sainsburys Winchmore Hill site (the former Stationers Playing Field) to preserve 40% of it as green space open to the public and it is not clear how this can continue to be satisfied if housebuilding is allowed here. The Fords Grove carpark provides parking for people patronising the businesses in the Broadway, suffering because of the loss of car parking spaces along Green Lanes caused by the pointless and barely used cycle lanes. And Firs Farm has already been designated as a site for a crematorium, and it is difficult to see how that will be reconciled with residential use. Sloppy thinking by the council planners.

The plan is further evidence of the intention of this hopeless and hapless council to destroy this green borough. Roll on the elections next May!