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General comments on the site allocation plan. I have commented on some sites via the web portal.

There seems to be no provision in the plan for cumulative effects. By it's very nature, the plan consists of lots of small / medium sized sites. Each site on it's own may not have a huge impact, but taken together the effect is large.

The plan is to add 60-70,000 dwellings (is that figure justified? what is it based on?) which assuming a bit over two people per dwelling is around 150,000 people - around the population of Reading - there needs to be some serious infrastructure investment to cater for that.

Schools, shops, roads, rail services / light rail, health care etc. No one site development can warrant the creation of a station, a hospital, a light rail route, but together they create the demand and the requirement (above the already existing requirement).

An example of this is the number of sites on the already congested A660 corridor. Each one will make things a bit worse, a bit more dangerous, a bit slower and add a small cost both in terms of health and economy on that route, however combined the effects will be so much larger it will be devastating.

A lot of the sites take away a small part of green space - again combined the effect is a large loss of green space, green space for wildlife, green space to soak up rain water. Green space to enjoy and improve the well-being of residents.

I could well have missed something, but it seems that the parts are being looked at with no consideration of the whole.

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