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 Sent: Sunday, July 17, 2016 3:35 AM  
 Subject: Local plan review

Good morning  
 > Thanks for the invitation to comment on the above mentioned proposals  
 > along with advice from Arran Beecham.  
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 Mindful of the current elected  
 > control group and it's workings within the overall administration, I am  
 > afraid that based on its record especially within Development Control  
 > Planning, any thoughts or  
 > proposals which I were to put forward, would not be considered as  
 > acceptable for  
 > consideration.  
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 > Why, because I have always been under the impression that elected members  
 > where in place to represent the local community? I appreciate that within  
 > that role, yes  
 > they are required to take on board the various Government guidance and the  
 > associated policies, but, and it is a very BIG BUT, from recent  
 > experience, especially within the Planning Dept at MDDC that is no longer  
 > the case. There is no longer the all important balance between what are  
 > the overall policies against the wider local needs of the people which the  
 > said administration is supposed to represent?  
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 > That situation is even more frightening given that the elected member for  
 > Planning And Regeneration is unable, or is to scared to on the one hand  
 > challenge the Officers, or from personal experience answer emails?  
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 > Looking a the overall membership of the current Planning Committee, with  
 > its large  
 > Tory numbers. Then look at what happens when the Committee chose to vote  
 > on a decision that is  
 > against the Officers recommendations. The Officers immediatly find  
 > all sorts of excuses in order to refer that decision back for an addition  
 > report. Then invariably  
 > it results in the original officer decision being rubber stamped by the  
 > lead group  
 > when it comes before the next Planning meeting.

In effect, "Do as you are told" hardly true democracy in real terms.

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- > That is not what I recall as being truly open and transparent, to me it
- > amounts to an Officer dominated Planning structure which in effect has all
- > but removed the opportunity to challenge, as well as to in effect removed
- > a
- > important segment of the wider plan process, namely the applicants right
- > to an
- > Appeal. Not because of a planning issue, but, because it is not considered
- > expedient to pursue.
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- > Regards
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- > E.D.Dennis?
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