

North West Cardiff Group

Responding to the concerns of our communities

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An Open Letter on Cardiff's Local Development Plan to:
Cllr Ramesh Patel, Cardiff Council Cabinet Member for
Transport, Planning & Sustainability

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Park Road
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June 17, 2014

Dear Cllr Patel,

Press Release: Cardiff's Local Development Plan set to take another step forward

We are responding to the above press release of June 10. We support the aim to create 'Europe's most liveable capital city', but preparing an LDP which 'strives' for this is very different from actually achieving it. We have seen no evidence - from other cities in the UK or the rest of Europe - that the LDP as it stands will deliver what it claims.

The press release quotes you as saying that the plan 'responds to the need for growth, real social and economic needs of providing an adequate future supply of new homes and jobs while managing the delivery of the new sites to protect our best environmental assets and bring forward new infrastructure.'

We, and others, have been arguing strongly for some time that to plan 41,100 new homes and 40,000 jobs without the foundation of a functioning 21st century sustainable public transport network is to squander the opportunity to make real your vision for Cardiff's future.

We would like to know how many thousands of existing residents of Cardiff, inward commuters and the more than 90,000 occupiers of the new homes will need to stop driving their cars to work in the City Centre and the Bay to meet your 50/50 modal split. How do you imagine you can deliver this when there are thousands of private parking spaces and the only options now are walking, cycling, catching a bus (although bus services are being cut across the city) and the Valley and City Lines which are old and over capacity? It is some time before electrification increases capacity on the railway and years before the Metro will create the transport network the city so badly needs.

How can you guarantee that the facilities required to build communities, rather than housing estates, can be guaranteed without a New Town Development Agency-approach to growth in the NW sector of the City? We all have experience of housing numbers rising once consent is given.

Yours sincerely,



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