

# North West Cardiff Group

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Dear Cabinet Member,

## Local Development Plan : Report to Cabinet

We were pleased to see your Officers' robust defence of the Deposit Plan's population and household forecasts and designation of a Green Belt in the Cabinet Report on the Deposit Local Development Plan to be considered on 12 June. However, as members of organisations representing over 24,000 people in North West Cardiff, we were dismayed to see that they have disregarded our representations on the need for phasing of development and transport provision.

It is obvious that, without any practical alternative means of travel, the majority of the new residents will use cars for journeys to work, shop and play. This will lead to further use of already congested roads in NW Cardiff within a City network which your officers acknowledge is at full capacity now. This will fly in the face of your aspiration for a seismic shift in choice of mode of travel **on which the whole LDP is based**. Even with infrastructure provided from an early stage it is very unlikely that the 50/50 modal split envisaged will be reached.

After development there will be no money, and no certain mechanism, for retro-fitting the transport infrastructure required. An adopted CIL Schedule is years away, and S106 can only relate to individual sites. Besides, judging by the reaction whipped up in Fairwater to the impact of Metro on a couple of dozen houses, there will be huge resistance to development of a track and overhead lines which will add to delays and costs.

Whatever is claimed to the contrary, we have no doubt that any sane Inspector will agree that the LDP should fail the sustainability test and be found not sound. If amendments are not made, Cardiff's LDP will create an unsustainable City unworthy of the Capital of Wales, and out of line with accepted European practice.

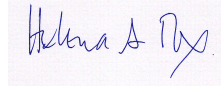
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We, therefore, urge you to instruct your Officers to review their conclusions in sections 5 and 6 of their report and to make focussed changes to include a specific reference to the Metro line to North West Cardiff, required contributions to it and to phase development in this sector to align with the introduction of the new Metro service.

Yours sincerely,



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