

27th January 2016

Dear Sir,

## Ipswich Local Plan

I thank you for the agenda re. the meetings planned re the above issue.

I do not feel able to attend the meetings but would like to have, at least, some input in these matters.

### Matter 1

1.1. Regarding environmental issues. It has been known for some considerable time that transport, or at least, the fuel used, is not particularly good for the atmosphere. Despite such reservations we have completely ignored this particular fact, and, <sup>have</sup> carried on regardless. I feel, at this point, in our wonderful historic town, we could, in fact, be leaders in trying to change this. The roads in Ipswich are gridlocked, at certain times of the day, due partially to the ferrying of children to & fro between <sup>the</sup> various schools. It is true also that a great many people

resident here, work many miles away from here. Some use the trains - but others use their cars! Others from peripheral towns and also places a good way off, travel "in" to work. There is little or no safe provision for cyclists. The lanes marked out on the roads for such people, are, in fact, extremely dangerous for, if a car gets into trouble, they are the first place that car will dodge into. The roundabouts for cyclists are absolutely deadly!! In particular, this past year, road works, have disrupted, dreadfully

Should it become necessary for the community to provide a great deal more of its own food, many of the houses built inside the town boundaries, (particularly, modern builds) have no or very little gardens to adequately do so. Indeed the elderly people have not been encouraged to pass on some of their own survival skills e.g. how to bulk a rabbit or draw a chicken, pheasant etc. Of course practically every one of them will most likely have a different, <sup>survival</sup> method to prefer. We - like many other towns, - have our share of homeless!! Could they not be encouraged to engage. If you continuously knock people, in time they actually start to believe they are benefit cheats and surplus to requirements. They are people. ~~I have~~

I have not actually seen the plans for the northern development but feel very strongly that we should be building or, at least, utilizing redundant buildings in the countryside. It means the provision of schools (in the communities) shops etc. Instead of concentrating ~~on~~ enlarging

our efforts in the countryside. A great many rows of small affordable cottages have been turned into one enormous dwelling. Whole areas of housing lie idle in the winter (holiday cottages)

May I point to the village of Silver End, in Essex, where the housing, for the period in which it was built, is extremely advanced - large houses - big plots - allotment - a school - church - store + the farm where the meat sold in the shop was produced - a local abattoir - very much less stress for the animals slaughtered, than transporting them miles and, I understand, that a couple of buses were kept within the village for outings. The man whose vision this was was - the manufacturer of Crittall windows, and it is true that this was the main occupation of the residents but even without this particular work they did at least have the wherewithal to provide for themselves.

We have such a diversion in society and a concentration on service industries and office work that I feel, very strongly, we should be encouraging the amazing skills that were, at one time, Britain's (shall we say) shop window.

In this letter, I know, that I have not actually addressed the problems in the manner you wish. But could you please include my view of things. I know, others will have a completely different viewpoint. Let us not forget that many of our ancient towns were defensive <sup>settlements</sup> due to successive invasions and evolved into commercial centres - many with access to rivers - for reasons of transporting goods around our shores. Haswick handles much PTO

less now and the inner dock - which when my grandfather, was a young man was full of wooden sailing ships - is now a leisure facility. We no longer support or indeed service our local businesses through this means. If there is a compromise to be made could we not, once again, become a working port and bring trade and a certain amount of stability to our economy. Transport by sea and river is slower but we have a network of railways which once again, has not been used to its absolute capability (I think?)

You have also asked about provisions for the Gypsy peoples. Many years ago they were a proud nation (the Romanies). They, like many, foreign peoples kept themselves to themselves and, of course, they took what they needed to survive from the countryside. I believe they were % survivors but the fact that they were helping themselves to food which was in scarce supply gave rise to the saying 'Gypsies Tramps and thieves! Perhaps they were the "cheats" of their age. but when I look around my home town, I see rubbish everywhere and out in the countryside too. Their site, when I crept up on it, to take a photo of the ponies with their foals was untidy too and, I feel it is time to right some of the wrongs to not just these minority peoples but to many others.

Once again I have not completely answered the query about provision for such people but have expressed my feelings, I suppose, about Society generally.

Thank you as usual I - at least - I hope -

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my letter through

Respectfully yours  
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