



2. In paragraph (c) it suggests the Council has flexibility in its draft Unitary Development Plan. This is contrary to the plan which has been through the consultation process and does not designate the sites referred to in our complaint for housing development. Our observation is that the Council is making up the plan as it goes along and is constantly proposing variations to land allocations that have been decided by a Government Inspector, and it is worth noting that the Council's draft Unitary Development Plan is yet to be endorsed by the Government.

3. In paragraph (d) Councillors from the town of Kirkby were refused a site visit by the members of Knowsley Council's Highways Committee, when they simply wanted to discuss on site with Council Officers details of major proposals for road widening and realignment which effected their local wards. This request was voted down by Councillors from Huyton, Halewood and Prescott, who paid no regard to the local wishes and in our view were not aware of the site characteristics as is claimed by the Council Leader.

4. In the final paragraph of the letter the Council Leader makes a strong case for Kirkby not to be part of Knowsley when he states that facilities in Kirkby not enjoyed by residents in Halewood, Huyton and Prescott are not equitable or acceptable. This comment displays an ignorance of the fact that residents in Huyton, Halewood and Prescott are a considerable distance from Kirkby and have no rail link and only sparse public transport and has never lended itself to blend in with Kirkby in terms of population movements and usage of facilities in sport, education and shopping.

Kirkby by his geographical positioning enjoys close proximity with Maghull, Aughton, Old Roan and Melling, and it is from these areas that the town of Kirkby attracts users of its shops, leisure and recreation facilities.

It is hoped that these points help illustrate our concerns about the contents of the letter from the Council Leader in Knowsley and ask that this letter and the enclosure be referred to the Local Government Commission.

Yours sincerely,

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