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Matter D: About Birmingham, Vision, Objectives, Strategy and general policies (BDP sections 2 & 3, policies PG2 - 3)

Main issues: Do sections 2 and 3 of the Plan set out a sound basis for its policies and proposals? Are the provisions of policies PG2 and PG3 justified and effective?

Questions: 1) Do the sections of the Plan entitled About Birmingham and The Vision, Objectives and Strategy provide a sound basis for the policies and proposals in the rest of the Plan? !!

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To whom it may concern

I'm not sure if it is too late or not but I feel it necessary to include a formal statement of my position to help others better understand my proposed changes to About Birmingham, its vision, strategies and objectives as well as my proposed changes with regards green belt policy.

To explain In ecological terms,

Sustainability is created by encouraging diversity which in turn encourages a system to be stable, healthy and so resilient in the face of external stress. In this respect, encouraging ecological diversity, including human diversity, should be the core goal of the BDP. If social, economic, cultural, political and ecological well-being is the goal.

From this perspective of sustainability, it is seen that it is only by facilitating and creating system diversity that human social, economic and ecological sustainability and well-being will be achieved. In other words, by encouraging system diversity, a human system will experience more sustainability and well-being through being more stable, healthier and more resilient in the face of external stress. Hence any development/planning/economic vision, strategies or objectives need to have diversity enhancement as their main guiding principle.