

increase is resulting in negative SD effects on our communities and our environment¹² (See appendices 1-3).

In order to assess the housing needs of Birmingham, Birmingham City Council (BCC) have relied upon population projection figures from the Office of National Statistics (ONS) but these figures in themselves do not provide any OAE that building these dwellings or developing employment zones will result in sustainable development (SD). In actual fact, the figures only indicate what level of economic migration might be expected if suitable accommodation was provided and so any decision to build additional housing or employment zones would be to simply encourage economic migration and in turn encourage economic growth through population increase but without any OAE to justify these actions.

In short, without adequate OAE to show that encouraging population growth will result in SD then no evidence is being provided to prove, justify or validate the plan's argument that green belt land must be made available in order to accommodate the strategy of economic growth through a human population increase in Birmingham. Similarly, neither does the

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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.