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An open letter to the Inspector,

Dear Sir,

REIGATE and BANSTEAD Core Strategy and Protection of the GREEN BELT.
Reigate Society (RS) REPORT No. 44.1

With reference to the 29th August meeting and the Inspectors request for comments.

If the Green Belt is to be sacrificed to new housing development we request that it be done in a sustainable manner as set out in the RS Reports

“ The more Roads and Railways built the more people travel” argument is flawed and fails because most of the expanding population travel to seek the rewards of employment and that this objective is supported throughout the nation by subsidised and leased transport systems --Reports 15 & 36.

The fallacy of providing homes without work places and a supporting community structure fails because such a policy results in **travel** or **unemployment**. **Travel** from new housing estates to a distant school or business results in non productive travel time, energy consumption costs, carbon and other pollution with secure parking problems at both ends of the journey, and of course **Unemployment** is not sustainable and fails to support the export growth objective.

The Reigate Society is comprised of some 800 members with an elected Council supported by various Committees that have participated in the consultation debate. In general the Society considers that the misuse of the Green Belt and the proposed development is unsustainable and also fails to provide an overall plan for landscaping, or address the minimum design standards for the community needs.

(Please see Rep No. 32, 44 and Architectural Reports)

Documents provide evidence of the assessment of transport need carried out by authorities including the now defunct Regional Assembly and their designs for the M23 northwards, A25 Reigate, the A264 and M27 coastal route.

The RS Reports suggest some logistic options, including construction haul

routes, for the future expansion of the South London Boroughs and the local and adjacent **LEP's** .within the SE Region

Yours Faithfully,

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Chairman of the RS Transport Committee
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