I can understand that with our growing population in the UK there is a need for more housing, however I object to the number of developments in the Local plan for a variety of reasons.

The proposed number of houses in the local plan appear to exceed the government recommendations and impacts greatly on the green belt, affecting natural habitats of wildlife, increasing pollution and negatively impacting on the ecology of these areas. With a reduction in green belt, our ecosystems will be impacted causing concern to the nature and fauna, but also the humans living nearby and in it. I accept some housing is required but not at such high numbers.

In Stretton on Dunsmore the proposed developments will have a negative impact . The village has a history of flooding and also there have been concerns with the sewage system. Without the proposed additional housing, the ancient village brook has experienced unsafe pollution at times of flooding, with an increase in such a large number of developments this is likely to lead to more concerns. The proposed area on the Fosse Way is already prone to flooding which extends to the Fosse Way and impacts on any transport using it in the winter months. If this development is completed the national press are likely to be visiting here as well as Wolston at times of flooding: has nothing been learnt from developments being completed on flood plains !

Stretton on Dunsmore is lucky enough to have a GP surgery and school. With the proposed developments these services will be extremely compromised as they would be unable to accommodate such large numbers of patients and families safely. The school is already oversubscribed, and the GP surgery is struggling to provide a service which the number of patients it already has. This ultimately could impact on the health, education and safety of too many people to be considered safe practise.

As a countryside setting the village roads are not able to cope with the traffic increase which would result from the developments. There is insufficient parking in the village centre and also the lanes leading to the village are already showing signs of decay with the current traffic using them. Public transport to the village is unpredictable and irregular so private transport is the only option. With the proposed developments, this would lead to a large increase in traffic and therefore would again impact on village life, safety and the ecological status of the area.

Please can you consider my views and concerns in regards to the local plan and the impact on Stretton on Dunsmore.