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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please could the following be fully covered by the Sheffield Plan.

To lessen fuel consumption, wastage and pollution, new and refurbished buildings need to be made as efficient as possible, e.g. equivalent of passive house standard, unless impractical. To help reduce run-off flooding and demand on utilities, rainwater harvesting systems and solar panels should be incorporated. Alongside sustainability during construction and during use, minimising consumption should be encouraged for all changes and developments. Easily accessed local recycling needs to be available.

Access for transport and deliveries should be planned as part of any new scheme and new buildings should have provision for parking in order to lessen the need for on street parking.

In order to help the city be vibrant and healthy, transport strategy needs to be co-ordinated. Whilst some vehicle free areas are potentially a nice idea, it appears to have been forgotten that convenient access to public transport is still needed. Bus stops on Leopold Street and on Pinstone Street need reinstating as the elderly and disabled need better access to shops and facilities. The present circuitous bus route from West Street to Arundel Gate, via numerous traffic lights, sharp turns and travelling three sides of a square, adds to air and noise pollution whilst lengthening journeys for passengers so making the city centre and public transport less practical and attractive.

The traffic light network needs to be made into a coherent synchronised system thus smoothing traffic flow and helping to keep the city moving therefore reducing pollution whilst improving productivity.

Sheffield came 65th out of 68 in a recent survey on trees and green space in city centres in the UK (ref Paul Brindley Dept of Landscape Architecture, University of Sheffield 2022) so green spaces and trees must be required as part of any new city centre development.

As parks and woods and playgrounds provide recreational areas for people of all ages and abilities which are beneficial for physical and mental well-being, they need to be maintained and protected. Also, the Green Belt needs to continue to be protected.

Roads and footpaths need to be properly repaired and maintained. According to several surveys and recommendations, such as, NICE guideline (NG 70), removal of speed humps/cushions reduces air and noise pollution. Consistent enforcement of existing road traffic laws would reduce pollution and make roads safer for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles so improving the city, making it safer and more attractive.

Yours faithfully,

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