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Ruth Morgan

## Response to Local Plan consultation

Dr Ruth Morgan

For context I am an archaeologist and heavily involved in aspects of heritage in Sheffield. I would like to comment on a couple of aspects of the Local Plan.

### Supporting Documents-Open Spaces and Playing Pitches

The **City Centre Report** identifies that the plan for 17,000 new dwellings up to 2039, and 30,000 more people, means an **under-supply of open space by 96.5 hectares**.

Sheffield has recently been ranked one of the **lowest-scoring** green city centres in the country.

[Study reveals Britain's greenest cities – and they are all in the south | Parks and green spaces | The Guardian](#)

Researchers analysed 68 city centres with populations of at least 100,000, ranking them on tree cover, vegetation, parks and sports fields. Nobody has ever looked at how green our city centres are, despite the amount of time individuals spend in them on a daily basis," said Dr Paul Brindley of the University of Sheffield's department of landscape architecture, who is a senior author of the study. Despite Sheffield's low ranking for city centre greenness, the study researchers emphasised that the wider city is renowned as the greenest city in the country overall.

This is shocking and I would like to emphasise that despite the housing targets that have to be met, some of the areas must be set aside for open space. I note that in **Policy CA1 Kelham Island etc**, '(g) Enable the area to become an 'Outdoor' Neighbourhood' is not matched by the planned developments of 2,745 homes on the Policies Map which shows virtually no open space in the densely packed developments at Kelham and St Vincents, just constantly referring to Woodside and Parkwood Springs some distance away. Trees and green space are vital in this valley bottom zone with a busy dual carriageway running through it.

### Policy SA8 Stocksbridge/Deepcar sub area

██████████ I note more than 1,000 houses planned, so potentially an increase of around 3,000 people in a population of c13,300 (2021 census), almost 25% and proportionately more than other parts of Sheffield, and yet no assurance of improved public transport. I am not clear what '(f) Deliver sustainable transport improvements, including: • Mass Transit Corridor from the City Centre to the Upper Don Valley' means, and Mass Transit Corridor is not defined in the glossary (finally found in the Transport Policy) , but it sounds simply like 'main road'. It is unacceptable to grow the population so much while at the same time forcing increased car use.