

Dear David,

I am mightily impressed by what I think is an excellent, balanced and convincing document. Please pass my thanks and congratulations to everyone involved in putting it together.

I know from Daniel's resignation letter that there were strong disagreements in the 2020 team about how far the plan should attempt to craft a very different and possibly better world. In my judgement the balance in the present document is exactly right, in recognising that better public transport, better energy efficiency, more village employment, possibly co-housing and self-build etc. etc. are all desirable objectives but that we just cannot force any particular brand of idealism down everyone's throat. I am especially pleased that you've kept what I think is one of the best of Daniel's many good ideas, namely that all development within the villages, even the small scale, should make a contribution to paying for better infrastructure and community facilities.

Your scheme for a better, more open village centre is one I think would move Drayton's attractiveness up several notches! I think the plan's assessment of the pros and cons of the various sites for new housing is 'right-on-the-nail', in particular of opposing development to the east which would go counter to the objective of making the village more compact in shape and cohesive and eat into some of the pleasantest countryside near the village. Also, as a walker and cyclist, I can only applaud the possibility of a Drayton to Milton cycle track and of better paths to the west of the village, with many more **all-weather** surfaces near the village centre than we have at present. Footpath 9 in particular desperately needs hardened surface. My only criticism on footpaths is that you have not been ambitious enough, for example in seeking to extend footpath 12 right round the Drayton Golf Course, even if only as a permissive path, and also in finding some way of taking it across the very-short distance to Milton from the SE corner of footpath 12. In fact, I'm surprised and disappointed that the table suggesting uses of contributions under Planning Policy P-H9 does not include further improving the village footpath network.

But overall I think the neighbourhood plan as outlined is an excellent one and it has my wholehearted support. Now let's put it into effect.

Yours sincerely

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