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Dear Mr Kemp,

I believe that the Wiltshire Core Strategy and Revised Regional Core Strategy for the South West should be abolished. It is wrong for the Government or the Council to inflict more building sites on our already overdeveloped environment.

We should preserve agricultural land. It is vital we keep land to grow food on and do not leave ourselves dependant on other countries to feed us. The land around Salisbury district is also of historical value so if we do not develop it, we will be assisting the tourist industry.

Salisbury suffers from traffic congestion problems already and any more building plans could be catastrophic in its effect on the city. I dread to think how long it would take my children to reach their Salisbury schools should the Revised Core Strategy plans be implemented. It already takes them nearly an hour to travel to school.

If the council need more social housing then they or the Government should think of charging existing Council House tenants at market rates once their income reaches a certain level. I am sure some of them may wish to choose a home in the private sector should this policy be adopted. Currently Council house tenants are able to keep the Council house for life, once they are in possession of it, while in fact they sometimes only need it to help them through a difficult period in their lives.

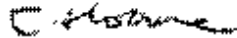
The Government and Council should leave market forces to decide how many homes to build and stop interfering in such matters. The Council's role should be to monitor building applications and submit them to planning permission regulations. They should be there to protect us from bad planning not threaten the environment we live in with their own massive plans to develop nearly everything in sight. As the UK economy is now in recession I would not be surprised if many new homes were abandoned or left empty if they were built, as has been the case in Ireland where entire housing estates remain empty and may now be demolished.

In France and Germany, where they have more land than we do in the UK, they would be more likely to build apartment blocks in order to retain more countryside. I visited a university lecturer's apartment in Lyon and it was very pleasant. If the UK needs more houses to be built the Government should encourage the building of a few high rise buildings around our larger towns and cities such as Basingstoke, Swindon or Manchester and always avoid building on green field sites if possible.

Furthermore I am horrified at the Council's plans to build on the central car park in Salisbury. Many families are very busy these days with both parents working and I have heard several people say that if the Council build on the car park they will be getting to know Andover better. If people find that their shopping is going to take

longer because they are compelled to use the Park and Ride plus they have lots of shopping to carry, they are bound to look for alternative shopping centres. How many more businesses will go into administration if this happens and how much trade will be lost to Salisbury market?

Yours sincerely



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