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I have looked at the website for the Local Plan several times but I find I can't engage with your consultation practice because there is much too much information. In order to make comments I wanted to familiarise myself with the plan, but there are so many documents and most of them are extremely long. I have tried and tried, but now given up.

I think the most important things in an area based local plan MUST include plans for dealing with climate change, which is the biggest threat our whole planet has ever faced. We all need to change our way of life which will be most uncomfortable for most of us, as multinational organisations have frequently demonstrated, when they say they will work towards ensuring that the global temperature rise will be kept to below 1.5%. But their actions don't tell the same story. I hope yours do.

One important thing to consider is protecting our green areas, both small and large; an example is the fields adjacent to the Corbett hospital which should be protected as a local green space, and you should survey and protect hedgerows because of their value to wildlife. I should like to see much more of Dudley's green areas and wildlife centres being "rewilded" and allowing nature to demonstrate its effectiveness. I would love to see wild flowers being allowed to grow everywhere and grass areas allowed to grow and not mown down.

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