Model letter: my questions to the GM mayoral candidate

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Dear *Mr. /Ms. [substitute name of mayoral candidate],*

As a resident of Longdendale I am very concerned about the threat to our greenbelt in Mottram and Hattersley’s playing-field. In spite of the huge numbers of objections to Tameside MBC’s “Mottram M67 Preferred Plan” in 2013, it appears that these objections have been binned, and the Plan has been taken forward and incorporated into the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework.

I would like to ask you:

1. What are your views about the above plans for Mottram and Hattersley, given that they fail to give priority to Hyde Town Centre as required by the National Planning Framework?

2. Why the plans fail to incorporate any brown field sites?

3. Why the objections from the previous consultation of 2013-4 have been completely ignored? This is undemocratic.

4. I am concerned about the extension of power conferred upon the mayor. If you are elected, would you CPO (compulsory purchase) my home if it is on land sought by developers?

*5. [Optional: other issue(s) of concern to me, relevant to the mayor]*

I would appreciate a response from you to these questions, in time to shape my vote for the mayoral election.

Yours sincerely,

*[your name, address and postcode]* ***[post urgently!]***