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Chief Planning Officer and Planning Committee Members  
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Dear Mr McKinney and Members of Bolsover District Council Planning Committee,

I am writing to you as the Chair of the Creswell and Elmton Residents Action Group regarding the Creswell Growth Plan. As you know the Planning Department at Bolsover District Council carried out a consultation exercise in 2024 to seek views on the Growth Plan proposal and specifically the four options that were presented in the Consultation document and website.

I am sure you will all agree, the volume of responses from Elmton with Creswell Parish Residents to the Consultation exercise was phenomenal. The response showed a **very high majority against the plan in its entirety from the almost 1,000 respondents** to the consultation. The residents have given their views and fully reject the Growth Plan with only **1.9% (18 of the 949)** respondents supporting Option C: to pursue additional housing and employment growth. **85% ( 807 of the 949) respondents rejected ALL of the options with a “None of the above” response. The remaining 13% (124 responses chose existing planned housing only with or without employment growth or no preference.**

There is now a significant opportunity for you as Chief Planning Officer and Planning Committee Members to show that you have fully listened to residents and drop the unwanted plan immediately.

In doing so we submit that this would not hinder the proper, statutory plan making process, as part of the council's planning responsibilities; indeed, the Creswell Growth Plan is an **entirely voluntary** planning venture by the District Council.

By dropping this very much unwanted Growth Plan, the District Council planning services and Planning Committee members can then concentrate on the more urgent and required documents and processes that form part of local plan making for the District Council.

Furthermore, taking this requested course of action would go some way to address the widespread views and beliefs in the area that those who represent the residents do not listen to them or take into consideration their views. I am sure you would agree that it would help build trust and confidence amongst the electorate in Elmton with Creswell Parish, at a time when residents trust and confidence is at an all-time low with Council Members and the Council as a whole.

It is now yours and the Planning Committees' turn to make decisions on the preferred next steps for the Creswell Growth Plan and in doing so we do urge you take the substantial Consultation process views and votes from residents **fully into account and recommend no further action on any of the Creswell Growth Plan options.**

I look forward to your replies,

Yours Sincerely

Christine Hope, Chair of Creswell and Elmton Residents Action Group