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Dear Councillor Pugh

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### **Bury St Edmunds Draft Town Centre Master Plan**

Thank you for listening to the suggestions that our representative, Richard Summers, has recently made to you about the need for further work on the scale of development and transport integration in parallel with the current public consultation on the Town Centre Masterplan. We are pleased to hear that work is now in hand to follow up on these two issues.

As you know, the Bury Society and the Churchgate Area Association (CAA) hosted a public Open Meeting on the Draft Town Centre Masterplan at The Athenaeum on 26 July 2017. We are grateful to Bury St Edmunds Town Council for funding this from its Locality Budget. You will no doubt have seen reports of the highlights of the meeting in the local press.

The Executive Committees of our two organisations have now met to review the draft joint response from the Open Meeting and they have agreed to adopt the finalised version of the response as policy (see enclosed). These responses have now been entered into the on-line questionnaire on the West Suffolk Town Centre Masterplan web page.

Please will you note the introductory comments that we have made on the questionnaire return:

*This is the joint response from the Open Meeting held by the Bury Society and the Churchgate Area Association on 26 July 2017 to consider the Draft Town Centre Masterplan. It has now been finalised and adopted as policy by the Executive Committees of both organisations and it represents the collective views of the 89 people who attended the Open Meeting (see summary at second paragraph of Q26).*

*The Chairmen of the two organisations request that this response should be counted as representing 89 people rather than as only one response for the Issues and Options Open Meeting.*

The joint response from the Open Meeting including these introductory comments will now be posted on the websites of the Bury Society and the Churchgate Area Association. We look forward to your comments and would welcome a meeting with you if that would be helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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