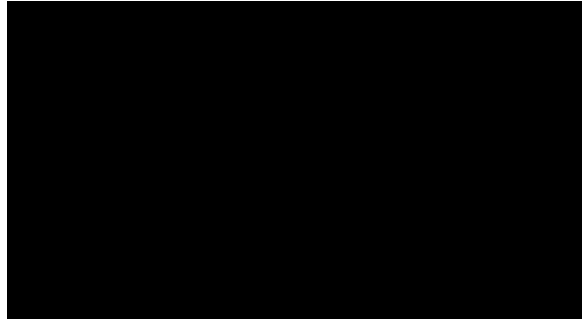

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Hello

I have read the housing information in the Plan and am more than happy that somewhere in there it mentions council housing.

The 'reordering' of Minchinhampton has seen local folk now unable to afford anything there and, in one recent case, a guy now sleeping in his van, is being helped by Minchinhampton Church there. When I spoke to him recently he did not consider he was 'sleeping rough' as he has a van! How have we come to this for someone born and raised in this village, even if he has 'learning difficulties'. It is a scandal.

The opportunities for the new Minchinhampton GP's surgery and linked support systems, with real council housing easily added to the plan is not to be missed. With the possibly available farming land between the current edge of Minch and Cirencester we could offer vulnerable people the chance of a new start.

The movement of the GCC allotments easily provides real opportunities for housing the 'born and bred' locals needs within their own village. I am hoping you are planning to move the wider use community buildings to the new Doctors Surgery area and the current 'The Hub' and the Youth Club sites can also be used for housing. It is always useful to get the 'shock' factor over and done in one blow.

My background of working in education (FE/HE and the 14+ age group of 'school non-attenders'), and, having been an London County Council 'new housing estate' (in Surrey) girl in the 1950's, is useful. With my experience of working in Stevenage, Welwyn Garden City, Milton Keynes, Bletchley, Swindon, Gloucester and Cheltenham it meant I worked with students from a very wide range of backgrounds and levels of ability.

I am appalled at the price of houses in our area, driven up by Estate Agents in the main, particularly in Minch, Box and Amberley, with locals unable to stay in the village they grew up in. There is nothing for those unable to work regularly 'on the breadline'.

Box has become ghost town with so many empty properties owned by rich people living elsewhere. No more 'holiday lets' please.

I hope you are able to make positive changes in this 'reordering of society' in our area.
Thank you

