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To: Local Plan; LTP
Subject: Local Plan Consultation Response

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing in response to Warrington's Local Plan - Proposed Submission (LPPSV) - and the Local Transport Plan (LTP4) given its relevance to the Local Plan. Having reviewed the proposals I do not believe it is either sound or sustainable for Warrington South as the proposals will have a significant impact on existing local communities creating unsustainable pressures on local roads and infrastructure, and irreversible and unacceptable loss of Green Belt which I understand to be in contravention of the National Planning Policy Framework.

I consider the Local Plan to be unsound, not considered and fundamentally wrong for the following reasons:

- The economic growth predictions are based on ambitious assumptions and are outdated.
- There is widespread concern across the borough about the level of pollution in Warrington (Warrington has the worst record in the country for dangerous particulate emissions) and this will be intensified within the Local Plan
- Commercial Premises on Greenbelt would be the second largest in the country decimating fragile bio diversity landscapes, irreplaceable green belt land and will have a significant impact on delicate road networks and infrastructure with an estimated 2,000 HGVs per hour.
- The provision of almost 20,000 homes will increase traffic movements and in turn place additional burdens on already over-stretched and fragile local road networks. Living close to Latchford Swing bridge, we are regularly subjected to the impacts of road traffic congestion as an overflow to the M6 / M56 and of course ship movements on the Canal (which has grown progressively over recent years) this would be exacerbated further with the Local Plan proposals for commercial and residential development
- There will be adverse effects on local communities as the plan does not make reference to effects on existing social infrastructure - schools, health services, care services, etc - which is again exacerbated by the apparent will of Warrington Borough Council to withdraw council services south of the borough.
- There will be adverse effects on the setting and amenity of designated conservation areas resulting in the destruction on biodiversity, the natural environment and the landscape character
- The local transport plan is lacking in essential detail, is a poor strategy which does not address highways and transport infrastructure impacts - there is no integrated transport masterplan or evidence base to demonstrate sustainable delivery of the proposals.
- The issues of climate change and a sustainable future are not considered within the Plan
- Warrington Council appears to have ignored previous consultation concerns raised and is seen as a 'token' gesture with no real appetite for consultation with residents.

For the above reasons I believe, as do most residents in the South of the Borough, that the proposals for both the LP-PSV and LTP4 are Unsound and Undeliverable.

I would be obliged for you to acknowledge receipt of my response, retain a record on the consultation register and keep me informed of the next stages within the process.

Yours faithfully
Alison Duckworth

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