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Local Plan Local Development plans (proposals to 2037) Subject:

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to the Council in response to the Development Proposals Up To 2037.

living close to the areas of Green Belt on which it is proposed to build a large number of houses over the next 20 years. That it will have an enormous impact on residents in Appleton, and the wider area, is not in doubt.

This provision of new housing as outlined in the Development Proposal should not go ahead unless and until guaranteed commitments are made to ensure that at the same time as construction of housing commences, that construction of new facilities for the incoming residents in particular, medical centres and schools, are also included in the building projects. There would be a real danger of the existing facilities in Appleton, Stretton and Stockton Heath being overwhelmed. That would not be remotely supporting thriving new communities as stated in the Draft Local Plan.

I understand that the Council cannot promise that any of these facilities will actually be provided.

If the Council is not responsible then this needs to be addressed to which ever authority is responsible for making and authorising such decisions and not left in the vague way that it is at present.

It is reassuring to read in the Proposals that:-

7.4.2 The Policy also seeks to ensure that adequate new facilities are provided, where necessary, in both existing and new communities, in line with the development proposed in the Local Plan. The extent of new infrastructure requirements is set out in the Infrastructure Delivery Plan, with community facilities making up a big part of the type of infrastructure required – from schools and health facilities to leisure hubs and open space provision.

There needs to be more than 'seeking' before any contractors start work on the proposed building sites. We need concrete assurances for such provision.

Then, and only then, would any new housing development be acceptable.

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