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Dear Sir/Madam

OBJECTION TO THE WARRINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

I wish to object to the Local Plan as I consider that the plan is not sound as it is not justified or deliverable.

The plan is based on unrealistic growth predictions which appear to have been based on the council's own ambitions for the future growth of Warrington. Government figures suggest 909 houses per year yet the council propose to build 945 houses per year. The number of houses driving the plan are unrealistic relative to the number of houses Warrington Borough Council has built in the recent past.

Our Green Belt should be protected. Once this land has gone, it has gone forever. The fields and woodland are the lungs of Warrington. Air Quality in Warrington is already some of the worst in the country. Of particular concern are the levels of small particulate emissions. The proposed 116 hectare industrial development on Green Belt (Six/56) will only serve to worsen this situation with potentially 2000 HGV movements per hour. There have to be exceptional circumstances for Green Belt land to be released for development. Brownfield sites should be developed before Green Belt land is considered. The Fiddlers Ferry Power Station site, which it has been confirmed is due to close in 2020, is an obvious site to consider.

There are no clear routes for new highways, motorway junctions or canal crossings which would be needed to serve the new garden suburb and industrial development. Without this infrastructure, the already congested roads of south Warrington will become gridlocked, especially the roads through Stockton Heath and Grappenhall. These areas already come to a standstill whenever there is an incident on the M6 or the M56. There is also no clear explanation of how this infrastructure would be funded.

The vast scale of the proposed garden suburb would completely destroy the character of the villages of Stockton Heath, Grappenhall and Appleton Thorn. These distinctive areas would merge into one mass of urban sprawl.

This local plan is unsound and undeliverable and should be reconsidered and revised. The views of the people of Warrington must be taken into account.

Yours faithfully

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