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To whom it may concern,

These are my objections to the draft local plan:

The predicted growth is very optimistic and, I believe, unjustified. There have been periods of growth in Warrington's history but the town has less industry and more housing than it ever has had and, looking at the population figures from 1998 to 2014, the underlying growth is down. The town has less to offer than it ever did with facilities being closed and moved to outlying areas making access more awkward and increasing car travel as public transport is erratic and unpleasant.

Some groups of the population are unlikely to be house buyers and there is lot of recent building that has gone straight to landlords. The town centre needs revitalising with people who can access the new market area, not those who put patrons off. There are still areas to be built on in the town itself and brownfield areas. Obviously builders wouldn't make such large fortunes out of these sites but the plan isn't supposed to take personal profit into account, is it?

Vast numbers of houses is no guarantee there will be increased business in Warrington. A large percentage of the people who live [REDACTED] in Lymm have bought here because the rates and insurance premiums are low compared to Altrincham where they work and shop. With the roads away from the town better than the access to it this is probably the case elsewhere.

To propose to build on a Nature Reserve is ridiculous, particularly given the current concerns regarding climate change and threats of mass extinction of all species except man. It shows the council is not listening to the concerns outside the town hall.

I disagree with building on green belt land and can see no real reason for it than gain for the planning department and developers.

I believe infrastructure should be dealt with before additional building of any kind is done. The town has had problems with this all the time I have lived here. I've been here [REDACTED] years now and the problems are still those that were here when I arrived. Traffic causing gridlocks whenever there's a problem on the motorway, an hours drive to cross 7 miles, the crap in the air as a result, bottlenecks and rat runs. Poor public transport.

This area of the north west has historically been a black spot for respiratory problems. Increased traffic is not going to improve it.

Schools? At secondary level they are all very big and have the problems that go with that. Again this adds to traffic problems as people cross town to ferry their children about.

There have been several plans put into place since I've lived here. To date none of them have come to fruition as they have been thrown out by political changes and continuous restructuring of the council. They're supposed to be bigger than that but they don't seem to be. Examples are when we went unitary (that was going to be sooo good for us) the plan had only been in place a short time and protected green spaces to retain village individuality, and the most recent which seems to have disappeared before it's got started.

I don't think this plan is in the best interests of those currently living in Warrington or of Warrington itself.

Yours sincerely,

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