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Subject: Objection to Warrington Local Plan LP-PSV
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Dear Sir

I would like to object to the current Warrington Local Plan LP-PSV and the associated Local Transport Plan LTP4.

In the first instance I think it is barely credible that both plans have to be considered separately since they are inextricably linked, especially when considering other hugely significant and pertinent development proposals - namely the so-called Eddie Stobarts HQ expansion and the 6/56 warehousing scheme. I believe the Council are in a "rush to concrete" which is something that should be independently investigated given apparent links between some council officers and the various development companies involved, which at best look inadvisable for those in public office, especially those responsible for the plan and its endorsement.

The plans when taken together appear to be deliberately vague and are clearly disjointed - it appears as if this is an attempt to salami slice the full extent of the planned development in order to comply with the rules while minimising objections. A thorough and holistic independent review of all the plans is required, which should take into account the current Governments position on climate change and the fundamental requirement for sustainable and healthy development. The plans fail to deliver on any of these key areas.

Some specific points on both are noted below:

LOCAL PLAN LP-PSV:

The economic growth is based on old data and ambitious assumptions and is unjustified.

Overwhelming house build schemes - 18,900 houses across Warrington by 2037.

Overwhelming commercial premises near Appleton Thorn/ Grappenhall, - situated on approx. 365 hectares of pristine land, some of it precious Green Belt land; premises would be 2nd biggest in the country behind Trafford Park.

Urban sprawl, 7400 houses in S Warrington alone, mostly around Appleton Thorn; destruction of village character and landscape.

Unrelenting additional traffic, 2,000 HGVs per hour from Langtree Six/56 commercial warehousing site with 42m high 'sheds'.

Pollution- air quality/ noise – Warrington already has worst record in the country for dangerous small 2.5-micron particulate emissions. There's a proven link between exposure to small particulates and premature death (respiratory, heart).

Violation of green belt land, no special circumstances to release GB for new build premises.

Contravention of Thorn Ward Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP).

TRANSPORT PLAN LTP4:

Poor transport strategy lacking essential detail – lots of road infrastructure is unplanned or only aspirational across lifetime of the Local Plan. Some infrastructure projects

(roads and bridges) will be grossly underfunded and therefore the whole plan is undeliverable.

The inability of either the Council or the 2 elected MPs for Warrington to get the operators of the 3 off Victorian Swing Bridges (Peel Holdings), on which various key transport routes depend now and into the future, to adequately maintain these. This results in numerous closures of the affected roads and subsequent gridlock throughout South Warrington. Such events which are entirely avoidable also have serious and immediate serious health consequences for members of the public and deleterious environmental impacts. I believe that there is potentially a negligent breach of the Health and Safety at Work etc, Act 1974 in this regard and the licence to operate the Manchester Ship Canal should be immediately revoked.

OVERALL BOTH THE LP-PSV and LTP4 are UNSOUND AND UNDELIVERABLE.

Kind Regards,

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