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Warrington Borough Council

Objection to:-

Planning Application - Local Area Plan

Please see my objections to the proposed development

My main concerns are as follows

Warrington Borough Council have not provided justification for the number of houses they say Warrington needs, or explained how their plans meet the exceptional circumstances required to release Green Belt.

WBC Predict an increase of 50,000 people in the next 20 years. The Office of National Statistics state the expected increase in Warrington's population until 2037 is only 16,000. How can Warrington justify 18,900 new houses, few of which are affordable housing.

Warrington's Road infrastructure cannot cope with demands made on it with the present population never mind adding massive housing projects and proposed industrial estates.

Both the M6 and M56 are highly congested motorways causing regular standing traffic and Warrington has already been named and shamed by the World Health Organisation for breaching pollution safety levels. Gridlock on the motorway network causes overflow on to the local trunk road network resulting in gridlock and pollution right across Warrington. The proposed Local Plan development will only add to the existing pollution and congestion problems.

Warrington's own report on pollution and air quality identifies the <https://www.warrington.gov.uk/info/environmental-issues/2024/in> issues and hot spots. <https://www.warrington.gov.uk/info/environmental-issues/2024/in> air-quality-and-pollution. The Cleaner Fuels Strategy explains how WBC will tackle exhaust emissions by effectively reducing numbers of vehicles entirely!

It is well documented that the NHS Warrington Borough Hospital is struggling to cope on a daily basis in buildings not fit for purpose, some of which are over 100 years old. Adding a development this size to an already struggling NHS facility catchment area would be a disaster. The Warrington schools and G.P. Surgeries are also in a similar position.

I feel it is very short sighted of WBC to readily give up so much Grade 1 farm land to so

many houses, especially with the onset of Brexit when the land may well be needed for local food production. Once it's gone it's gone!

This development will impact severely on the biodiversity and appearance of the area by destroying wildlife habitats and removing natural woodlands and greatly increase traffic congestion and pollution.

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