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Re: Warrington Local Plan Consultation

As a resident of [REDACTED] Warrington I wish to register my strong objection to the revised local plan for several reasons.

Green Belt: The loss of so much green belt as proposed is unjustified and would be hugely detrimental to both wildlife and human wellbeing.

What little green spaces are left in the area outlined will be isolated pockets rather than wildlife corridors which are essential for animals, birds and other wildlife to thrive.

This area of green belt acts as a green lung close to the town and 2 busy motorways; without it the increased traffic generated by the plan will generate even more uncompensated pollution.

The area is a well-used recreational facility contributing to the mental and physical health of people from all parts of Warrington.

Housing: The number of houses planned seems totally unnecessary and I doubt whether they are realistic in terms of what is achievable or necessary for the future of the town.

Most of the houses would be out of reach of people from Warrington needing homes at an affordable price, and would likely be bought by people commuting to and from other areas for work via the already congested motorways, and adding nothing to the economy of the town.

Traffic: There seems to be no clear plan yet how the hugely increased volume of traffic will be managed, given that all roads between South Warrington and the town centre are already clogged up at many times of the day. The swing bridges as they are now are not fit to take more traffic and there are no other bridges able to take heavy vehicles in the east of the town at all. I assume that Port Warrington will generate more openings of the swing bridges.

Employment: I do not believe that the logistics and distribution centres near the motorways will benefit the town at all. Many jobs will be taken by people outside the area, using the M6/M56, and contributing nothing to the town.

Moore Nature Reserve: This is an important area for wildlife which should not be allowed to be destroyed by a part of it being used for Port Warrington. This can only harm the

Reserve's importance as vital habitat for species which may be lost to the area. The Port will create disturbance while being built and traffic in its day to day operations.

These are my main but not my only reservations about the Plan. I do not want to live in a city suburb and do not see the need to destroy so much green belt.

I fully understand that houses and employment sites are needed in Warrington, and I welcome some of them being in this area, particularly if local people can afford the houses and find suitable jobs. However, I do not believe this is a sound or deliverable plan overall. I question whether enough has been done to look at all brownfield sites, including those to become available in the near future such as Fiddler's Ferry. I would like to know much more about infrastructure and plans to improve the current situation on our roads before such massive development is started.

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