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To whom it may concern

I would like to formally oppose the proposals for the South Warrington development as they are based on unsound assumptions and undeliverable plans. I do not believe there is an exceptional case for the decimation of green belt on such a large scale or such a significant increase in numbers of houses.

I only see detrimental impacts of such a significant increase in the housing stock and industrial warehouses on our local area – pollution, traffic, noise, loss of greenbelt for no benefit – no real or sustainable employment. The assumptions that the housing need is based upon are not sound and are significantly exaggerated. The plan does not provide a sustainable future that considers how to make a vibrant town centre by bringing in young professionals, providing first steps on the property ladder for young people, integrated communities that supports our aging population. More rounded thinking is needed to develop strong communities, not decimating greenbelt and building housing for 2.4 families.

Warrington has recently been determined as one of the most polluted towns in the country. Additional vehicles for such a large development as six:56, the proposed Stobart development and the huge increase in housing stock and therefore vehicles on the roads is in direct opposition to report findings and WBC's 2017 plan regarding air quality and their proposed initiatives to combat pollution.

Frequently we can hear the motorway traffic and large vehicles thunder through the village streets, whilst this very week WBC are running a Walk to School week to cut down on pollution – this large scale development is completely contradictory.

Traffic around the M6/56 and the surrounding A-roads and lanes are gridlocked on a weekly basis, the proposal doesn't include any investment in roads other than cosmetic improvements. It is ridiculous that the council is considering adding to the congestion with this development.

Destruction of the green belt when there are available brown field sites is preposterous. The loss of agricultural land at a time when food miles / provenance is becoming a critical focus in the climate change discussion.

The justification for logistics is the increased volume of online sales - if so, this will lead to the continuing decimation the high street. The development proposal states that jobs will be relocated to Warrington, which therefore doesn't provide any additional employment opportunities. Any new logistics facility is likely to be automated resulting in declining employment – therefore this is a further reason for this development to be rejected.

Schools, hospitals, roads are already straining under the current population. The local plan doesn't commit to providing the required infrastructure needed to support the number of houses. The figures provided to pay for road improvements seem incredibly low - what guarantees does the council offer to ensure that developers deliver on their commitments or

providing for any shortfall.

I ask that WBC wholeheartedly reject this proposal and consider a more realistic increase in housing that provided integrated communities which considering self build, up-skilling local young people, we must not pay exorbitant amounts of money to large house building firms for the money to leave the area. Warrington could strive to think environmentally and with community in mind to provide realistic development, with opportunities for our young people and to build strong, diverse communities.

Yours sincerely

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