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To: Local Plan
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I am a resident of and detail below my response to the Revised Local Plan.

It might be called "Revised Local Plan" but it is still development on Green Belt.

Green Belt as the name suggests is land to be left free of building. Once built on it will be lost forever. Damage to the Bio Diversity including poorer air quality, loss of rich farmland, loss or reduced numbers of animals birds and insects eg., Herons, Kingfishers, Rabbits, Moles and Dragonfly. The canal bank and Trans Pennine Way are currently used extensively by walkers, joggers, dog owners, and bird watchers. The canal for fishing canoeing and boating. All of which are huge assets for the health of the community. The Trans Pennine Way also used by cyclists.

It is a known fact that development on Green Belt is cheaper to carry out than brownfield sites and therefore is more profitable for the Developers and their Shareholders.

It will cause extensive traffic build up on roads that cannot cope with the current traffic volume and there is no indication how this problem would be managed, particularly access to and from the Thelwall Heys site.

Weaste Ln. and Massey Brook Ln. are currently used as a "rat run" and would expect this to get worse with additional traffic wanting access to Thelwall Heys with the additional safety issues with residents.

The economic growth predictions are based on projections that have never been achieved before. The priority should be driven by economic growth not by building houses.

In view of current Government Policy to cut CO2 emissions and plans to reduce losses of Green Belt then this proposed development contradicts all reasons behind COP 26.

Incentive to build on brownfield sites introduced by Government, so obviously a National concern.

Warrington has acres of brownfield sites, many of them close to the Town centre benefiting from employment places and transport fascilities, so use them before green.

There are no infrastructure considerations for the population numbers. Warrington Hospital cannot cope with patient numbers at present and it is not unusual for a patient at A&E to be left on a trolley in a corridor for up to 12 hours waiting for a bed. This cannot be allowed to get worse by increasing population numbers BEFORE improving the infrastructure.

Thelwall Heys is a beautiful, tranquil historic haven — Lets keep it like that.

Regards

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Sent from my iPad