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Dear Sirs

I would like to raise my objections against the new local plan. This new plan is worse than the old plan which I also objected against. The new plan has less explanation and proposals for the already poor transport infrastructure of South Warrington. The council do not seem to understand how bad the traffic of South Warrington is. In particular, I commute regularly on the A49 and the M56 and the M6. In the last few months alone, there have been regular and terrible accidents and roadworks which have led to constant stationery traffic in our region which is just unacceptable. I can not believe that you are proposing building more houses in the area with this background of traffic jams. Last week, I noticed a tailback from the traffic lights at Stretton to the M56 which seems to now be a regular morning thing. Traffic stationery, crawling and churning pollution which is completely contradictory to the green objective and climate change debates that are going on at present. There is no proper railway service in the region and no other ways of commuting from this area except by car. All the new houses you are building are using cars and it is adding significantly to the area's traffic problems. This new plan just piles more and more traffic onto the A49 and actually would increase traffic on the feeder roads into that which would increase noise and pollution to the existing houses in those areas. The proposals to change or put new roads in are completely inadequate.

I feel very strongly that Greenbelt land should NOT be built on. It was labelled GREENBELT for a reason!! The land is not needed for housing, it is not the right place for housing and the Council needs to look at using Fidlers Ferry and other brown field sites. Fidlers Ferry is a huge area that could be developed and provide all of Warrington's housing needs. It is far better suited to being developed as the infrastructure around there could be adapted easily and purpose built.

There are enough houses in Appleton and it would be terrible to see the lovely villages of Appleton Thorn and Lymm and Grappenhall lose their individual identity. There are not exceptional circumstances for developing the Greenbelt and the area is already full of houses with more going up by the minute.

The infrastructure in this area can not support what is being planned. Insufficient road network, insufficient schools, insufficient doctors surgery, insufficient hospital provision, insufficient railway links to Manchester and a terrible service and no parking. I know friends that commute to Manchester and it is impossible from South Warrington as you can't park at the station, it is jammed travelling into the centre and so they all go in their cars. I commute the other way to Wirral on the M56 and there is a 10-15 minute tail back at the Stretton lights every morning, sometimes tailed back to Owen's corner. Whenever I go southbound down the A49 it is regularly queued all through Stockton Heath and I notice increasing tailbacks, not to mention the ageing swing bridge and high bridge at Cantilever, both in terrible state and ancient/no longer really fit for purpose, so massive bottleneck problems again which are totally unaddressed in this plan. In summary, no need for more housing in this area, no justification at all for using Greenbelt land, there is no clarity on how this would be delivered in any event and why not just use Fidlers Ferry land??

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further comments.

Kind regards

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