From:
To: Local Plan
Subject: Borough local plan

**Date:** 07 November 2021 15:03:58

Dear Sir or Madam,

As a resident of Stockton Heath for over 30 years I am writing to object to the plan for the South East Urban Extension.

The unique position Stockton Heath enjoys in relation to the Manchester Ship Canal and Bridgewater Canal already results in particular problems for road users and has consequences for pedestrians, cyclists and residents regarding pollution and congestion.

Traffic will increase from new housing and the proposed Industrial Development near the M56/M6 junction. There is nothing in the plan to mitigate for these issues and the proposal is therefore not justified.

Stockton Heath is at capacity in terms of retail and hospitality provision, car parking and local waste amenities. Increased housing will put pressure on these facilities resulting in an increase in fly tipping particularly on canal banks, parking on residential streets and night time venues overcrowding.

Taking away access to farm land and natural spaces, which is known to improve mental health and well-being, is detrimental to families, walkers and cyclists. Building on this land is unjustified until all brown field sites have been used.

Increased housing will put pressure on local schools, dental and GP surgeries which are nearing capacity even if there are "future plans" for schools and centres.

The residents of Stockton Heath have chosen it as their home due to the village atmosphere, local amenities and closeness to the countryside. The proposals would put all that in jeopardy.

The numbers of proposed houses will be detrimental to the residents of the area and is not justified while brown field sites are available.

I urge you to reconsider the plans.

Yours faithfully,

Beryl Woodcroft (Mrs)

