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Local Plan

Subject: Objection to the local plan proposals **Date:** 07 November 2021 20:00:38

I write to request that the latest version of the Local Plan is halted, reviewed and further amended, as I do not believe it is the right plan for Warrington, for the following reasons: We already have an ageing infrastructure in South Warrington, with no clear future plans for addressing the transport requirements for this new development. Congestion is a regular thing across South Warrington, and in particular at the three old swing bridges that link the North and South across the ship canal

The increase in traffic will further harm air quality. Careful thought must be given to the inclusion in the plan of green travel solutions, including cycling and public transport. The areas earmarked for development already have a very limited public transport network, with the towns two railway stations some miles away

The roadside footpaths in South Warrington, particularly around Thelwall and Lymm are already in very poor condition and where present are usually quite narrow. Many routes in the area have no footpath at all, such as Broad Lane, causing a danger to existing walkers. More growth in these areas will exacerbate these safety issues

Loss of such an amount of green belt and open spaces is a real concern. Many of these areas are used for recreational activities away from the busy roads in the area. Building on our green belt land will also significantly impact the ecology of these areas. Other options must be considered first, including looking again at all available brownfield sites

Regards

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