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Dear Sir,

I have reviewed the revised Warrington local plan and wish to strongly object.

Has the council fully taken into account the current Brownfield land around Warrington to help reduce the potential need to take away our much needed Green Belt land? Our Green Belt land is a vital part of our town not only for the abundance of wildlife and its habitat but for our physical and mental wellbeing. Our town centre would be better to be redeveloped for first time housing as the shopping areas are not sustainable and although this would be a little more expensive it would prove to be a lot less damaging to our environment. Due to the pandemic the world has changed and Warrington has too many empty retail park buildings, and a town centre that is rapidly declining.

The types of houses are not in keeping with the area and the scale of intended industry, shown in the employment land, is going to be elevated such that it will be an eyesore across the South of Warrington. The jobs expected are unlikely to be sourced from the local community and then will lead to more traffic as people take up the jobs from alternative areas. The plan will mean increased reliance upon roads and bridges that are already congested and the additional number of vehicles likely to add to existing poor air quality.

As of March 2021 there were currently 1,155 empty residential properties across the town and Warrington Borough Council confirmed 825 of these have been empty for six months or longer. Has a plan been devised to get these properties occupied prior to creating more homes on our greenbelt? Has the council looked into turning empty office spaces, of which there is an abundance, into residential space?

The plan gives no detail about how education, health services or public transport will be developed let alone funded which raises the question of if this will be delivered once the developers had finished building.

Warrington is notorious for flooding, where is the justification in destroying our greenbelt and trees. Can the council provide information on how this will be combated with the loss of natural drainage against the proposed additional houses/business premises and roads being built.

I would like the council to rethink the Preferred Development Option plan and take into account how strongly the residents of South Warrington feel about this. Warrington Borough Council needs to appreciate that the majority of Warrington's South residents have chosen to live in Warrington for a semi rural life style choice, living in small villages which collectively make up Warrington and make it such a pleasure to live.

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