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Local Plan

Subject: Concern about local plan

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Hello

I am writing to you to voice my concerns about the inclusion of so many new homes in South Warrington in the revised local plan.

Though I appreciate we need more homes and there is land in south Warrington I have the following concerns.

- 1. These homes will take up vast amounts of green belt at a time when it has been strongly recognised that access to the outdoors and nature is very beneficial for our well-being. We will be pushing this access further and further away from the population of Warrington and eating up great swathes of green space.
- 2. The plan is bound to increase traffic flow through Stockton Heath and south Warrington. The area is already a bottle neck because of the swing bridges and increased traffic when the motorways are disrupted.
- 2. Pollution in Stockton Heath is already high. Increased traffic can only increase this pollution. There is high risk of accidents on major roads which children have to cross to access primary and high schools.
- 3.Schools and medical services are already stretched in South Warrington. Though the plan mentions new services how sure can we be that these will be delivered? Has Bridgewater High School the capacity to deal with the potential intake? Has Priestly College the capacity to deal with the increased intake from the increasing population of Warrington?
- 4. Broomfields Leisure Centre is already sadly in need of investment. Will this happen and will leisure facilities be enhanced to deal with the increasing population?
- 5. What are the plans to increase public transport to South Warrington?

I do hope you will consider these points. My concern is not that there will be more houses but that a suitable infrastructure will definitely be put in place to ensure existing services are not overwhelmed and traffic doesn't finally grind to a complete halt! The well-being of the current population and future population of South Warrington needs to be carefully considered before these proposals are confirmed.

Yours, Sue Melville