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Local Plan

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Dear Sir / Madame

I am writing to object to the outrageous, ill-conceived local plan that would have a detrimental effect on the South of Warrington and its residents. The fact that this plan is deemed realistic and necessary is rather alarming and further adds to the concerns of residents that WBC is capable or fit to run this town.

Firstly, to think that in this time of climate emergency and loss of species, it is appropriate or acceptable to build on 1400 acres of greenbelt around Warrington is staggering. The environmental and ecological impact will be severe not to mention the effect on mental health to residents who depend on open space as shown throughout the Covid Pandemic. There is no justification for greenbelt release, not when we have brownfield sites available and a town centre in desperate need of regeneration. Building homes on such a large scale in South Warrington will not help with this regeneration as the road networks are already overstretched and will further add to the misery of driving around the area. Residents will instead drive out of town, probably to Northwich and spend money outside the district further hindering the development of the town centre. The obvious increase of traffic due to the proposed local plan would further harm the already poor air quality around the area thus going against the UK's climate change aspirations.

Infrastructure for the local plan is none existent, roads are already overstretched and proposed improvements (Western Link) are questionable due to cost. WBC is trying to attract employers and employees alike with this local plan but we still have a outdated hospital that cannot cope with the number of residents that reside in Warrington now!!

The proposed local plan will destroy landscapes and the character and integrity of our villages which the council should be protecting rather than allowing developers to build on the most lucrative land with the biggest profit margins.

Please reconsider this plan as there is no justification as your predicted growth and volume of housing needed is extremely questionable and mis-guided.

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