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Dear sirs,

I write to object to Warrington Borough Council's development plans.

The destruction of green belt land is not justified as WBC use outdated figures to argue the need for development land & housing demand. There is also insufficient will to maximise the use of existing brownfield sites.

The town centre is a kebab shop ghost town. WBC should consider making use of empty units, converting the town into an attractive place to live in town houses and apartments that would be truly affordable, instead of granting permission for expensive houses on green fields that yield big profits for developers & furnish the Council coffers via high rateable values.

The 656 proposals would destroy green belt to create a site that can only create even more congestion & would not create meaningful work opportunities. The majority of those working at 656 (which may not be significant in number due to increased automation anyway) will commute in from cheaper residential areas. South Warrington is already a commuter outlier for Manchester & Liverpool. By definition, traffic using any 656 site will be heavy goods vehicles, not good for congestion or pollution

There are bottlenecks every day as north/ south traffic has to cross the Bridgewater canal, only the A49 London Rd bridge crossing is not single track . Any closure of the bridges crossing the Manchester ship canal leads to hours of local traffic chaos.

Traffic comes to a standstill daily on the M6 at J20 & spills back onto the M56. The WBC plans show roads to internally service proposed developments but make no proposals to reduce the current stagnation , never mind mitigate the increase in traffic that the plans would generate. Pollution levels in and around Warrington are already high & whatever green initiatives may be forthcoming , an extra 4,000+ homes will hardly improve matters.

It is already extremely difficult to access NHS medical & dental treatment .Planners may sketch in new surgeries - but where are the professionals to staff them going to come from ? Where is the increased hospital capacity for the thousands of extra inhabitants?

A few small green spaces are hardly a substitute for green fields. The identity of the villages affected will disappear into one amorphous mass .

Yours faithfully
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