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Dear sirs,

I have lived in South Warrington for 40 years. When I moved here there had been a recent Planning Inspector's report stating there should be only limited further development without major infrastructure improvements. In those 40 years the population of Warrington has grown by c40,000 but the infrastructure has barely changed. The hospital is still too small, it is very difficult to get to see a GP, the traffic is regularly jammed, the town centre is a combination of under occupied new development and run down older buildings, there have been no new crossings of the ship canal or the bridge water canal, the existing roads are poorly maintained. I see nothing in the new plan to address these issues. I object to WBC's proposed plans.

The new link road on the A49 between M56 J10 and the Cat and Lion will merely add to congestion, encourage more commercial vehicles and HGVs and make walking and cycling even more difficult than it is. How is this proposal consistent with cleaner air, less dependence on the car, increased walking and cycling?

Where is the justification for removing our green belt?

How can the already stretched roads, services and amenities cope with extensive planned housing? There is no rational defence for this.

The huge expansion to the logistics hub at Stretton is frightening. The Stretton and Lymm motorway junctions are already too busy and frequently blocked.

We live in Lower Stretton and I would invite members of the planning committee to join me on a bike ride and then a walk into Stockton Heath and to advise how the proposals in the local plan will improve this experience. The non car journeys are already hazardous, polluted and unpleasant, I fear it will become impossible with the WBC proposals.

There seems to be an obsession with growth, without justification and with no considered improvements to infrastructure, services and amenities.

Please reconsider the local plan in a way that will preserve the nature and character of the various South Warrington parishes so that they can thrive as local communities. The present proposals will replace green belt with more traffic jams and featureless, anonymous modern houses beloved by Homes England and detested by the rest of us.

Yours faithfully  
Peter O'Donnell

Sent from my iPad