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I have reviewed the updated Local Plan and the supporting Local Transport Plan. The Local Plan has certainly been improved, in that housing requirements have been reduced and the Fiddlers Ferry site is now included.

However, I still do not believe the plan is sound, particularly as it relates to South Warrington, where I live.

- (1) It still overestimates the demand for housing in Warrington
- (2) It does not include any mechanism for ensuring that green belt building is used last, so it may be preserved if the expected demand for housing is not met
- (3) It does not specify any mechanism to ensure that local infrastructure such as schools and GP surgeries are built alongside the new housing
- (4) It is not backed up by an adequate plan for transport in South Warrington. The proposals in the Local Transport Plan do not tackle the acknowledged issue of the 3 east/west waterways that have to be crossed. This means that South Warrington will increasingly be a "dormitory" where people who work in other parts of the region choose to live, while continuing to drive there. It will be easier to reach South Manchester than North Warrington from this area and the new housing will overload the existing road system.
- (5) Plans for employment are unambitious and emphasise warehousing and logistics rather than science and engineering. Jobs are likely to be low skilled and low paid.
- (6) The plans do not properly recognise the Governments Net Zero strategy, in particular in reducing use of road transport by bringing people closer to where they work and do not adequately support commuting by bicycle, foot or public transport.
- (7) Increased traffic in South Warrington will worsen air pollution and damage residents health.

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