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We should like to make the following comments on the updated local plan for Warrington:

1. The current calculations for housing in the UK are now being questioned in Government, specifically by Michael Gove who also said that Local Authorities could push back against central targets.
2. The air quality in Warrington town centre may well decrease due to, for instance the western link, however, in areas such as Stockton Heath, Latchford, Winwick and Cromwell Avenue where traffic is already extremely heavy the air quality must inevitably suffer, also the motorway junction areas will inevitably have increased traffic and queuing times resulting in the same issue.
3. The character of our villages will be destroyed for good, apart from the eventual provision for Appleton Thorn. Under this plan how can Grappenhall, Stretton and Appleton possibly survive as the beautiful villages they are currently?
4. There is no infrastructure for the South East urban extension shown on any plans. Directing traffic to an already congested London Road would be madness. Lumb Brook Road is already horrendous especially at school drop off and pick up times. Any idea that parents would walk or cycle to school/work are at best delusional as mostly both parents work especially in that area due to the price of the housing.
5. Any jobs created by the distribution and warehouses planned would be unlikely to be fulfilled by people living in the nearby locality as the wages wouldn't support the majority of the housing supply therefore adding to the congestion.
6. Distribution centres will likely be computerised during the plan period meaning less jobs than forecast.
7. The Thelwall Heys development would also add hundreds of vehicles movements to the A50 junction and if travelling into Warrington the delays caused by the antiquated swing bridges

would result in dire queues and decrease the air quality still further.

8. The destruction of the green belt will harm wildlife, add to air pollution, reduce crops and change local areas forever. How can all this help climate change?

We say no to the local plan.

We would request that the plan be put on hold until Government has made their plans clear for green belt protection and a possible revision of the calculation for new development requirements.

Thank you.

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