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Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Warrington Borough Council Updated Proposed Submission Version Local Plan 2021 (UPSVLP) consultation - Representations by the Police & Crime Commissioner for Cheshire

I write in response to the consultation on the Warrington Borough Council Updated Proposed Submission Version Local Plan 2021 (UPSVLP).

Having reviewed the UPSVLP and supporting evidence base documents, there are a number of concerns I would like to raise.

Ambitious development growth is planned in Warrington over the next plan period and it is logical to conclude that the considerable levels of growth proposed will lead to an increase in demand for Cheshire Constabulary services and infrastructure. However, as drafted, the UPSVLP does not ensure that future developments effectively mitigate their associated impacts nor address the additional burdens they will undoubtedly place on the Police.

Cheshire Constabulary does not currently receive funding to cater for the infrastructure needs and associated costs that come with the delivery of new development and resulting population growth. To address this issue, the emergency services must be recognised as valid recipients of on-site mitigation or financial contributions towards necessary infrastructure provision, and provided for in the UPSVLP.

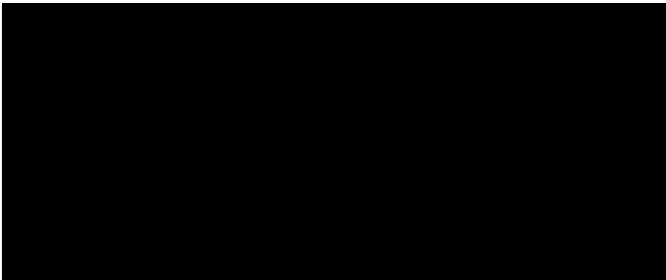
I encourage the Council to ensure that the UPSVLP places greater emphasis on the themes of community safety and crime prevention within the relevant policies.

I support the Chief Constable of Cheshire Constabulary's representations to the UPSVLP and would be grateful if the Council could amend the Plan to address the comments raised and suggested revisions prior to submission to the Secretary of State.

I welcome the Council's support in our endeavours to reduce crime and disorder and protect the communities of Warrington and consider the UPSVLP plays an important role in delivering these objectives.

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to engage in the local plan process and will make myself available should you wish to discuss this matter further.

Yours sincerely



John Dwyer
Police & Crime Commissioner