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To: Local Plan; Local Plan
Subject: Objections

Dear Sirs,

Whilst I appreciate that more housing is needed and the area needs to thrive, I have grave concerns about the infrastructure to support any expansion.

The current bridges crossing the various waterways of the River Mersey and Manchester Ship Canal are already causing major congestion at most times of the day. Further crossings are needed. To bring more residents to the area without adding further crossing will add to gridlock and have the opposite effect of driving people away. Trying to cross Warburton Bridge at any time of day is very good example of the issue. Any development south of the town will have to cross a bridge in order to access the rail network. What is being done to better link Lymm, Thelwall, Grappenhall etc to the rail network & HS2? What provisions are in place to combat the current traffic congestion on the bridges before any further development?

Lymm seems to be literally out on a limb. Residents are very poorly served by public transport. The current bus service is woeful at best. One service has been cancelled completely which runs to Altrincham along the major artery of A56. The CAT 5 service has been reduced due to issues at Dunham canal bridge. No buses run late. No buses go to Manchester Airport. How will people be encouraged to use public transport which is so inadequate? A

In the absence of decent transport links, any new homes will lead to increased vehicles on the already congested network.

The proposed developments mention proximity to local schools, most of which are already over-subscribed. Any further houses built in the area will compound this issue. Where will kids go to school? With the woeful bus service, how will they get there on the already congested roads?

Increased population will need doctors, dentists hospitals, clinics. All of which are also over-stretched. What provision is in these plans to improve these vital services in order to be able to cope with extra housing?

In North Berwick in Scotland, no new housing is released until there are enough school places, doctors surgeries etc. to cope with increased population. Could this approach be adopted?

Green belt should be nurtured and cherished. Nibbling away at small patches here and there does not disguise the overall loss to the town of green spaces. Only 7 years ago a Green Belt Boundary was established which is supposed to be good for 20 years. Can the council please look more closely at better using existing brownfield sites before taking the easier option of utilising valuable green belt.

Because of the poor bus service, the roads are very busy as it is. Trying to join the motorway at Junction 20A from Cherry Lane is already a dangerous operation with the current traffic numbers. Most of the roads are too narrow and cannot be widened due to current developments & lack of space. The pavements are already narrow enough and in some instances are unsafe. What measures are in place to improve roads for the current traffic movements before any development?

Covid has had a dramatic effect on how people live & work. With some moving away from the urban environment. Have these plans been revised to take this into consideration. The Government has already admitted to over-stating the need for more housing and the rate at which it should be built. Has this been taken into consideration?

Having affordable homes is valuable & essential. They need to be supported by decent transport links and proximity or accessibility to everyday facilities as well as schools, doctors etc.

I write this in the hope that the council will revisit these plans to ensure adequate infrastructure and facilities are in place before any further construction takes place.

Yours sincerely
Victoria Bridge

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