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To: Local Plan

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I write to object to the Warrington Local Plan.

Recent calculations suggest a smaller population and therefore less new houses are needed. The proposed plan shows building a higher number of houses than has ever been achieved before. Is this deliverable?

Significant new homes and employment facilities, many of which are on the outskirts of town, mean thousands more cars travelling on already congested roads. This increases the reliance on swing bridges to cross Manchester Ship Canal and single track roads to navigate the Bridgewater Canal, adding to our congestion and poor air quality.

Any new roads are not clear in the plan. Nobody could clarify this, nor how any future roads might be funded, or whether they might be built before the thousands of houses.

There is no provision for health services, education or infrastructure, nor how these may be funded.

The large scale distribution, logistics and industrial units 6/56, proposed on Greenbelt land cannot be justified. Access, transport, green infrastructure and utilities are not yet quantified and are to be left to the developers. No detail is available on employment but appear to be mainly low skilled and low paid. The future of warehousing is moving towards mechanical rather than human.

There is no justification to build on any Greenbelt/Greenfield land before every brownfield is utilised. Warrington has brownfield sites that need regeneration.

The Covid epidemic has proved how important green fields, trees, open spaces and nature are to humans. We must retain the small amount of Greenbelt we have left for the health and wellbeing of the people of Warrington and for the generations to come.

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