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I write in response to the Warrington Local Plan 2021.

I believe that the number of proposed houses is higher than the most recent growth indicates and should now be reduced.

Many of the new proposed houses and employment facilities are on the outskirts of town, much of it on Greenbelt. This will generate thousands more cars using our already congested roads and adding to our dreadful air quality. The town centre needs regeneration.

Our local roads are regularly completely gridlocked with three swing bridges crossing the Manchester Ship Canal and two single track roads navigating the Bridgewater Canal. In addition, any accident on the motorway means a total standstill for some considerable time.

Any new roads are not clear. Questions on where, when and how these would be funded, or whether they would be completed before the proposed thousands of new houses could not be answered by the planners.

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

The 6/56 Large Scale Distribution site is proposed on Greenbelt. The access, transport, infrastructure and utilities are not yet quantified and is to be left to the developers. No details are available on employment but appear to be mainly low skilled and low paid. How long before warehouses are automated?

There is no justification to build on Greenbelt/Greenfield before all brownfield sites are used. There are brownfield sites in Warrington.

Covid has shown us how important the Greenbelt and nature are to the health and wellbeing of us all. For our mental health, our lungs and our future generations, leave our Greenbelt for us all to enjoy.

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