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Dear Sirs

I would like to voice my concerns regarding the latest version of the local plan for Warrington. Although I welcome some improvements from the last version, I still believe that the plan is not sound for the following reasons.

Firstly, I believe the number of new houses in the south Warrington area and their associated vehicles is unsustainable for the area. There is no plan as far as I can see to overcome the problem of the canal crossings, which are already a source of bottlenecks and congestion. I also cannot see how so many new vehicles are going to access the A49. Current issues around junctions such as at the Cat and Lion will just get worse, and will bring increasing levels of pollution. How is air quality going to be addressed? Public transport is very poor in this area, being both infrequent and unreliable. I can see no concrete proposals on how this will be improved.

Secondly, whilst I welcome the inclusion of new schools and medical and leisure centres, I believe these need to be guaranteed and constructed before more building takes place. The current medical provision is already overloaded, especially since the most recent new homes have been occupied. We simply cannot plan to build more without these essential services being in place. The plan is not deliverable and does not meet the areas assessed needs without these.

Finally, I am very disturbed to see that this development will destroy Green Belt of agricultural value. I appreciate that this is a little less than the previous plan, but I do not believe enough is being done to first use brown field sites in Warrington. With the current focus on climate change I would expect the council to be looking to retain its Green Belt if at all possible, not destroy it. I believe the local plan should specify that Green Belt land is not to be used until brown field sites are fully developed.

In summary, I do not believe the plan is sound. It cannot be justifiable to use green belt land before brown field sites, nor to add to air pollution with inadequate roads and transport provision. I also do not believe it is deliverable without first providing the essential services such as medical centres and schools and adequate roads and public transport. I would therefore ask you to readdress these issues before moving ahead with this plan

Yours faithfully  
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Sent from my iPad