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 Local Plan

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 WARRINGTON LOCAL PLAN 2021

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This is my Representation

This revised Local Plan starts at the wrong point - the Borough Council raiding its own Green Belt! Using Green Belt land should be a last resort.

Lymm cannot take any more house building. There is already too much resulting in floods in Reddish Lane, Heatley last year. The aquaduct in Bridgewater Street has flooded twice in the last month. Growing up in Lymm in the 1960s/1970s, I can remember it flooding once or twice during the whole winter not twice a month. There are also plans to build more houses on Poole Lane, Statham. The name obviously gives you a clue - more flood plains like Heatley.

In future, we are going to need more land for growing crops locally to reduce world transportation emissions and limit climate change. These last 2 years living with Covid has proved overwhelmingly that people need green spaces for health reasons; not only physically (walking and cycling) but for their mental health too. Why are there plans to build more houses on the tranquil Thelwall Heys site?

I understand there are plans to build over 4000 houses on Green Belt land in Grappenhall, Appleton, Appleton Thorn and Stretton with only 30% affordable homes. The Borough Council wants to increase distribution warehouses on this Green Belt land. Workers at these distribution centres will probably have to commute from outside the area. This would result in extra cars on the already congested roads increasing poor air quality and relying on 3 Victorian swing bridges over the Ship Canal. The roads already cannot cope with the amount of traffic coming off the motorways at J20 on the M6 and J10 on the M56.

The Town Centre needs regeneration, particularly Bridge Street. There are some lovely buildings but please don't knock them down, refurbish and convert them to flats like the Academy.

Ms Margaret Price,
