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Good morning,

Thank you for allowing us an opportunity to comment on the local plan, we can see many benefits to the proposals, such as developing the town centre and the waterfront. We are already very impressed with the refurbishment of Warrington market and the area surrounding it, this is now a lovely place to visit. We are also very pleased to see the proposals to use brown field sites, such as Fiddlers Ferry.

However, we have some concerns about the proposals for the South East Warrington Urban Extension. The sheer number of houses and facilities planned for this area seem to be changing the nature of our neighbourhood completely, from a semi-rural community with the characterful villages of Appleton, Grappenhall and Stockton Heath, into a suburban sprawl. We have particular concerns over the open spaces being built upon around the Dingle, such an important space for wildlife and the ecology of the area, which would become surrounded by built up areas and developments. I understand that some areas of open space have been put into the plans, but there would also be a huge impact on the air quality and volume of traffic for this area, if the proposals for housing and community centres go ahead. We understand that some development are necessary, but this is already underway in the fields close the walled garden in Grappenhall Heyes and in the areas around Appleton Thorn. To continue with the plans to build so many more houses would be a devastating loss to the green belt in this area. This is particularly significant in the current focus on climate change and COP26, with much attention on air pollution and emissions – all loses of green spaces are detrimental to combating climate change. Finally, it would be greatly reassuring if we were to know that the urban developments were taking into consideration the needs of the wildlife whose habitats are being changed so drastically. In case it is of any use, here is a link to an example of a housing developer ensuring there are 'hedgehog highways' in all their new developments: [Environment | Bovis Homes](#)

Thank you for reading this email, I hope you understand my concerns.

Best regards,

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