I write to voice my objections to the above proposed Local Plan.

I do not believe that the plan is sound because of the following:

Our green belt areas need to be protected for this and future generations and should only be considered once all brown sites have been fully developed.

The mass building proposals would destroy local villages and their communities. The landscape will change irrevocably and will harm the local ecology and air quality.

The current poor infrastructure is barely able to cope with demand now and any increase in housing will put even more pressure on this and the poor transport links.

As these proposed developments are too far from the railway stations this will increase car use which in turn will drive up congestion and emissions.

These proposals will do nothing to help the regeneration of the town centre. In fact it will continue to be more attractive to work and shop in Manchester, Liverpool and Chester.

The forecast for economic growth is totally unrealistic and should not try and rely on housing development.

In light of COP26 we and especially local authorities should be doing as much as we can to protect our environment and reduce carbon emissions.

The next generation are entitled to enjoy the beautiful green spaces that we have for the benefit of their physical and mental health.

On these grounds I must insist that the local plan is NOT approved.

Phil Ingle. Appleton resident.