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Local Plan

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To whom it may concern

I wish to object in the strongest possible way to the draft South Warrington Plan that is currently being considered. I have lived in Stockton Heath and Appleton for 70 years+ and have never been so angry, dismayed and disappointed with the plans of Warrington Borough Council.

I do not think this plan is SOUND for the following reasons:

The huge number of houses planned and their associated cars (at least two per house) is not sustainable in this area.

There does not seem to be any plan for improving the infrastructure in the area. The roads are not sufficient for the traffic that is already using them, especially the lorries that power up and down the A49. The nearest shop is one small Coop on Dudlows Green Road and then Stockton Heath which is already a bottle neck. Parking is almost impossible both in daytime and especially at night. The car parks are full and so are all the roads around Stockton Heath. The swing bridges over the ship canal are ageing, not maintained and overloaded.

Public transport is another problem. From Stockton Heath there are regular buses into Warrington but for people living in Stretton, Appleton and Appleton Thorn there is only one bus per hour, the No. 9 to Northwich. This service only runs during the day.

The Council has already admitted that the size of the proposed development will need three new schools and medical and leisure centres. Where is the plan to provide these? Getting an appointment to see a doctor or dentist in this area is already extremely difficult and the leisure service is Broomfields Leisure Centre which is woefully inadequate and has been for years.

This development will destroy the landscape and character of our villages and will severely harm the air quality and local ecology. It will not help the development of the town centre but will instead destroy the identity and distinctive character of our area.

Please, please reconsider this plan.

Anne Tonge Appleton Resident