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Dear Sir/Madam

First let me say that I have attempted to respond to your local plan via the online official website ie [www.warrington.gov.uk/localplan](http://www.warrington.gov.uk/localplan) but found it so user unfriendly that I conclude it is not designed for ordinary people to submit their opinions and I have given up on it.

Therefore I am sending an ordinary email and trust that it will be passed on to the appropriate department and not lost in the system.

I wished to register my concern and indeed opposition to the proposed development at Warrington Road, Lymm. I understand that 170 new homes (of what nature I wonder-I assume they will be 'executive homes' ?) are proposed on the fields adjoining Statham School and also on the field on the opposite side of Warrington Road. I do not accept that the loss of these green spaces will make a minimum loss to the green belt. These fields are a bastion of green between the village of Lymm and the depredations of the motorway passing overhead. The fields particularly on the south side of the road are fringed by mature trees whose loss would be a tragedy in terms of habitat and community amenity. There is also a woodland pond, what fate will be assigned to that? I imagine that developers will drain and infill the pond which would be another dreadful loss of habitat. Surely these trees and pond are worth preserving along with the ancient hedgerow which runs down the length of this field and would, Im sure , be grubbed out were the field to be developed.

This plan would constitute a perfect example of urban creep development, from there it would only be a matter of one or two more fields to complete the connection to Thelwall village and therefore create an urban sprawl instead of two succinct villages with their own personality and composition. Is this what the Warrington planners require - an homogenisation of all areas within their jurisdiction? Also the impact of this very large development would isolate and diminish the integrity of Statham Lodge Hotel, a grade 2 listed building I am informed. Surely it would be worth protecting what is left of the context of this building, having already been blighted by the construction of the very nearby Thelwall Viaduct.

As a resident of Lymm and indeed this side of Lymm, the destruction of trees and open space would very much affect the noise pollution in the area. The trees in the local area provide a much needed baffle to the very intrusive noise generated by the nearby motorway. Should we loose many of these trees the sound and pollution nuisances from the motorway would be very much worse for a large number of people living nearby. I would ask you to reconsider the decision to build on this site for all the above reasons and also because any people living in these 170 houses would be subject to the exhaust pollution and noise from the constant, day and night traffic on the motorway. This alone makes the site unsuitable for residential development in my opinion.

Just as an additional point, I would like to ask why the Trans Pennine Trail is being 'upgraded' by the laying of tarmac over the area from Whitbarrow Road to Reddish Crescent? I understand that the trail has become eroded and pitted in places and that the surface needs attention but surely we should not be allowing even further areas to be lost

under tarmac - that hardly fits with green credentials!! I imagine that it is possible to resurface the trail with something more eco-friendly than tarmac. I do not have any information on the relative costs of different types of surface material but tarmac being non-permeable seems less than ideal and in the long run probably less economically efficient. This is after all, a 'trail' and not an urban road, resurfacing in road materials will only encourage the already dangerously fast and inconsiderate minority of cyclists to further increase their speed, actually increasing the danger to pedestrians, children and dogs.

yours faithfully  
Derrin Rowley (Mrs)