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Hi,

I wish to provide some feedback on the Warrington Local Plan as part of the consultation process. I am a local resident living in Lymm.

Overall I don't believe that the local plan is a sound one. My main objections to the plan are as follows:

- Whilst I appreciate the reduction of green belt land being targeted from 11% down to 5%, we are still talking about 1400 acres of green belt land being lost forever. At a time when we need to be preserving as much green space as possible to help to absorb the impacts of extreme weather events, building on green belt land should be an absolute last resort. I don't believe that the plan clearly outlines what the exceptional circumstances are for this amount of development on green belt land. The plan should be looking at Brownfield sites around the town centre before taking away green belt land.
- One of the sites earmarked for building on at Statham (next to Statham Lodge) is boggy and I am concerned that it is unsuitable for building on. In 2020, extreme weather caused surface water to run down from the two fields next to Statham Primary School causing a huge electrical fire next to Statham Lodge. If these fields were built on and replaced with concrete, this would make the problem even worse the next time we encounter extreme weather, which is clearly going to happen more frequently as climate change worsens.
- The Rushgreen Road site is only going to exacerbate the horrendous traffic situation on Rushgreen Road. This is going to cause havoc for local residents.
- Public transport is very limited in the majority of the South Warrington areas marked for housing in the local plan. This plan would have a huge impact on car use in the area, which is completely at odds with the UK's climate change net zero plans, and its push for sustainable transport options. Areas for further development should be focused around easily accessible public transport, or there should be mitigation plans included in the local plan for improved public transport / sustainable transport options in the areas where the plan is looking to build.
- The roads from South Warrington into Warrington town centre are extremely busy going across the Ship canal and clearly aren't suitable for further increases in traffic.
- Junction 20 of the M6 is already extremely heavily congested. It would be madness to add a massive logistics site here and would cause carnage for commuters. It is clearly the wrong place for such a huge site. Please reconsider this planned development.

I would really appreciate if you could take the above into consideration as part of the

consultation process.

Thanks & Regards,

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