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Subject: Local Plan Objection in South Warrington
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing about the updated local plan in relation to South Warrington (I live in Appleton). My main objection to the plan for yet more housing in South Warrington is the lack of infrastructure and essential facilities to support such a large increase in population, and the increased number of cars(each household seems to need at least two cars these days).

Whilst I note that the plan includes two new schools, health facilities etc , I think that past experience has shown that these aspirations are not achieved. I fear that developers and other “interested” parties will be able to renege on these requirements.

In particular the health services in South Warrington are already struggling with the increased population from the recent new housing developments.

The proposed improvements to the road system might well alleviate congestion at the traffic lights at Stretton and the roundabout at junction 10 of the M56, but does not address the effect of the increased traffic on the A49 north into Warrington.

The existing road system from South to North Warrington is woefully inadequate.

Fortunately I am able to avoid travelling north into Warrington, and very rarely visit Warrington because of the traffic.

There are very limited alternative travel options in the Appleton/Stretton etc area. Even from Appleton the bus is once an hour (although it does seem reasonably reliable).

I do not consider this to be an adequate service to get people out of their cars. There does not appear to be an environmental strategy linked to the significant traffic increase.

Surely new housing should be close to a town centre to reduce carbon footprint and enhance quality of life.

I also take issue with the concept that housing in South Warrington can be classed as affordable. It is an expensive area and developers seem able to “tweek” the definition and targets to get round these requirements.

Therefore I do not think WBC Local Plan is Sound in relation to the developments in Warrington South.

Yours faithfully,
Mary Highmore