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Please register my opposition to the Borough's Local Plan as published.

As a resident of South Warrington it is perfectly clear to me that the biggest impact by far will effect the South of the Borough increasing the congestion significantly from a level which is already at a very uncomfortable level. The recent roadworks in the area are causing chaos especially during working hours even before a new house has been built bringing extra traffic.

Movement in the South is limited to only 1 dual carriageway that runs West/East heading towards Runcorn and the M56. Furthermore it is served by 3 Victorian Swing Bridges providing crossings over the Ship Canal and 1 high level Victorian Bridge that has very restricted weight and size limits for traffic. The owner of these assets is not known for maintaining these crossings with their current appearance being a disgrace to the town.

Finally, we have a Victorian narrow boat canal running east to west in the south of the Borough that only has 2 restricted single lane overpasses and 1 single lane underpass apart from the one and only purpose built bridge on the A49 providing access to the town through Stockton Heath.

I am not against extra housing per se, I am just alarmed that there has been a huge amount of time allocated to producing this plan for house building with no clear plan as to how the existing infra structure will cope with it.

I would also be totally against it taking place just on the basis of the loss of green belt. There has been a COP26 meeting over the last 4 weeks concerned with climate change and the loss of land on this very subject.

Finally, being a resident of Grappenhall/Thelwall, you may be interested to know that my wife and I took the decision 2 years ago to sell our bikes due to the dangerously fast driving we were encountering on Thelwall New Rd and surrounding area. Since then, we have seen a massive increase in traffic and it is now common place to see traffic backing up on Knutsford Road on the approach to the Latchford swing bridge at all hours during the day. We are glad we got rid of the bikes.

You will gather that I am totally against this Plan without significant further information on the infrastructure needed to support it.

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