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I would like to object to the plans for the proposed plans to build on green belt in Lymm notably in Satham and the land off Rushgreen Road.

I have been a resident of Lymm for over 20 years and have seen many changes particularly housing developments. Very few, if any, are "affordable" homes and there is no guarantee that the housing proposed will be any different. Developers inevitably go for larger more profitable homes to build and larger homes are not required in Lymm as they inevitably result in more cars per household, more traffic and more pollution overall.

The roads around Satham and Rushgreen Road are very narrow and these bring character to and enhance the attractiveness of Lymm. There is no capacity for road widening so additional traffic will result in more overloading of the roads, more queuing traffic and more weaving in and out between more parked cars - causing more pollution and more danger to pedestrians as vehicles often have to mount pavements to pass. This already frequently occurs on Whitbarrow Road approaching the corner near the entrance to the golf club.

In addition to extra cars at proposed new addresses, more delivery vans will visit to service the change in culture of more online shopping which has increased more with the pandemic and with more people working from home. Again causing increased congestion and pollution - both of these negatively impact the local environment.

We are in a delicate position at the moment where we need to think about reversing the trends that are causing climate change not contribute to them and part of that involves retaining green spaces and reducing traffic.

Satham Primary has not got capacity to take more children unless massive investment is made especially in the buildings - ideally children should attend a local school and be able to walk there from their home. If there are no additional school places available for children in the proposed Satham site, parents will end up driving them to schools further away within or beyond the village. This makes no sense.

Housing and increased traffic will result in more pollution which is already high due to the proximity of the Satham site to the M6 and Thelwall Viaduct. This can not be classed as effective in terms of promoting or indeed safeguarding the health of young children and staff at the school and adjacent preschool.

The transpennine trail is popular with many people especially families and is used daily by cyclists and pedestrians - it is important for general health and wellbeing and changing the vista from fields to a housing development will have a negative impact on both the aesthetics of a beautiful and well-loved area and the well being of the people who live here and those who use the trail. More importantly the loss of the green space adjacent to the trail will be detrimental to the local flora and fauna.

Using up the green belt is precisely why world leaders have been trying to come up with a plan to combat climate change so I question why this plan does not conform to the same line of thinking and why any reduction in green space is even being considered. We need to preserve what is left of natural life on the planet and not destroy it by building on it, especially if what is being built is not required for those most in need.

Having walked on the public footpath across the field in Statham - it is incredibly wet and can get boggy so does not strike me as a structurally sound spot to build on. In addition the moisture from this field will be pushed down towards the road opposite Statham Lodge and cause flooding and difficulties navigating the road. This road is used daily and is particularly busy during school run start and finish times so any closures will have a knock on effect on surrounding roads.

To summarise I believe the plan notably for Lymm does not fit in with Warrington Borough Council's responsibility or the bigger picture with regard to reducing carbon emissions and preserving open spaces and combating climate change. It seems to be counterintuitive to what is being discussed by world leaders as the result is more destabilisation and destruction of local wildlife as well as the reduction of health and wellbeing of people who live there and love the area.

Yours faithfully  
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