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To: Local Plan
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Dear Sir/Madam,

We object to the Local Plan. It is not sound.

Population growth is over-estimated based on recent patterns. Therefore there is no need for the planned volume of housing.

Affordable housing is needed yet only 30% is required in the plan. It makes sense to regenerate Brownfield sites near Warrington Centre for these- near work and public transport and therefore affordable for first time buyers.

The plan does not promote regeneration of Warrington town centre and thereby reduce commuting by car and its associated issues, environmental, ecological, and psychological.

There is no valid justification for releasing 1400 acres of Green Belt land, a disproportionate amount of which (nearly 1000 acres) is from South Warrington.

The environmental and ecological impact has not been assessed in the plan. Seven years ago this land was supposed to be protected for 20 years.

Land will be needed for future agricultural use. It is shortsighted to squander what remains of it when alternatives are available.

Building on Green Belt is against the stated preference of the government.

Brownfield sites should be used first to lessen the environmental and ecological impact of development.

Information on infrastructure in the plan is vague, limited and inadequate.

Our roads are already overloaded and in poor repair. e.g. high incidence of potholes. This is exacerbated by canal crossings (traffic delays and tailbacks when ships come through)) and congested local motorway junctions. The plan does nor deliver a clear, viable solution for increased use.

Air quality in the area is already problematic. (e.g A49)

The plan will take away natural land which absorbs pollutants. When alternative Brownfield sites are available this is not justified. The plan will lead to much increased reliance on road travel and will have a negative impact on the health of the population

The incidence of asthma and associated diseases for example are known to be generally on the increase particularly in children.

Local facilities- doctors, dentists and schools are already severely overstretched. The plan does not guarantee that more of these will be provided or when.

The plan would destroy the landscape and character of our local area along with the loss of natural habitats the impact of which has far reaching consequences and is of national and international concern.

Regards,

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