Dear Sir,

I wish to make the following comments in response to the current consultation on the Warrington Local Plan.

- I have lived locally for 25 years and care about the distinctive character of South Warrington and the wider environment.

- Local roads are already under pressure and I do not see anything in the plan to address this. There are no specific plans for how traffic is going to cross the Manchester Ship canal. The plan will lead to further reliance on cars which will increase congestion and pollution and is at odds with the green agenda of the government.

- I am alarmed by the large area of greenbelt to be released and do not accept that all possible alternative brownfield sites have been exhausted. I see many empty business, warehouse and office sites across Warrington which must be repurposed as a priority. The plan has targeted South Warrington greenbelt for release inequitably and without proper justification.

- The type of housing to be developed would not be affordable for local people – commuters to the larger conurbations would be using cars either directly onto the motorway network or through Warrington town centre to railway stations – both of which are north of the Manchester Ship canal leading to further congestion at pinch points without any clear plans on new or improved crossings.

- I question the validity of the entire plan because the road plans are too vague and should contain further detail in order to properly be judged. There is no detail on how the plan will lead to regeneration of the town centre or preserve the character of South Warrington – if there is no detail at this stage how can the plan be judged or delivered?

This plan is unsound and undeliverable.

L J Farini