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To: [Local Plan](#)
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Dear Warrington Borough Council

I am writing to object to the Warrington Local Plan expressing my concerns below.

I live in South Warrington where the infrastructure currently is being over stretched one particular concern being an increase in traffic bringing with it congestion resulting in an increase in air pollution as well as parking problems, and general road safety.

You are proposing to build 4,200 new houses on mostly on Green Belt land. Cop26 has just concluded and there was an emphasis on preserving green space. How can you possibly justify destroying this valuable resource? It appears that you are proposing to take up to 1000 acres of this Green Belt land, yet the boundary was only confirmed 7 years ago which was to have stood for a good 20 years, in which case you have gone back on this agreement.

The congestion problems can only be exacerbated by increasing the number of houses. You only have to try and navigate the roads when there's a minor incident on the M6 Motorway to see how congested the area becomes and adding to this more residential traffic, it will be more of a nightmare. In which case, what are your proposals? as I cannot see a new road plan, which is essential prior to any development. Further what are your proposals for Junction 20 of the M6 and Junction 10 of the M56. Already there is congestion at peak times. And we all know what congestion there is when the swing bridges over the Manchester Ship Canal are closed and yet your proposals will generate even more traffic and hence congestion and associated air pollution. In which case wholly inconsistent with the UK's climate change aspirations.

We already have a medical centre which cannot cope, and you are proposing a further 4,200 homes bringing in approximately an additional 10,000 people. So many houses and not enough infrastructure in place before the houses would be occupied - schools, leisure and medical - where and when would these be operational? These services are currently over-subscribed. The school runs turn the area into a huge traffic jam already, what will it be like with more schools and cars? And we all know about the well reported inadequacies of Broomfield Leisure Centre.

Not forgetting that above all this is a Green Belt area which seems to have been forgotten. By promoting the area for its rural aspect for new housing, you are, in fact destroying it. This will also have an effect on the wildlife in the area.

As for your Commercial plans, your forecasts appear unrealistic as they are based on predictions on a level of activity and development which has never been achieved before.

These plans will also affect the air quality, noise and traffic problems of the area.

You should be introducing methods and schemes to reduce congestion and pollution and comply with the Government's plans following Cop26, not go against them.

I am all for development and agree there is a need, but by implementing the current proposed plan, you will destroy the area, not enhancing it, in which case I am totally opposed to it.

I thank you for your time and consideration

Yours faithfully

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