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To: Local Plan
Subject: Local Plan 2021 Proposal re submission consultation

To whom it may concern,

I hereby object to the revised Local Plan that has been re submitted for public consultation.

The reasons why I object are as follows.

I feel that the plan is not sound and does not take into account some significant data. For example why has the plan used the 2014 housing figures instead of the 2018 housing figures as a method for calculation housing need? James Brokenshire, Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government stated that the housing need figures are NOT a target, and I fail to see why Warrington Authority would use out of date numbers to assess the housing needs for this area.

The amount of over development in the plan would seem to be flying in the face of current thinking and scientific data on air pollution. Warrington regularly exceeds the permitted levels for air quality, and both the excessive housing and commercial developments earmarked would do nothing to improve the air quality for Warrington area residents.

Excessive over development with lack of infrastructure can only add to the total gridlock we regularly have to deal with, and its attendant air pollution. The motorway network can bring the whole of the WA area to a standstill if there is an incident. The infrastructure we already have cannot cope, and our health could be compromised because of this. This is especially true in the south of the town, as well as in other hotspots through the area. The plan does not explain how the south of the town would cope with increased levels of traffic, on its already inadequate system.

The grab of Greenbelt and Greenfield land would seem to fly in the face of current Government thinking. The satellite villages of Warrington would essentially be joined together and would lose their individual character. As there is a large amount of brownfield now available, for example at Fiddlers Ferry there is no need to consider building on Greenbelt land.

The Greenbelt land that provides a fresh air lung to the Town, that creates recreational space and provides for agriculture.

In the media it has been stated that the Government says it will reduce national housing targets, and that building on Brownfield first will be a priority.

I can see no exceptional circumstances that would warrant the release of Greenbelt around the Warrington area for development.

I feel that the plan should be revised and be based on a shorter term, that takes into account the most up to date data and considers the latest thinking on climate change and ecology. So that we address the needs of the planet, our health and well being, that addresses the needs of social housing, sustainable energy, that delivers the best living conditions for our local population, with the right amount of employment opportunities. That does not tip over into mass overdevelopment.

Thank you for considering my objection to the Local Plan.

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