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Local Plan

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I wish to object to the Warrington Local plan and put forward in the strongest terms my concerns below.

The initial plan which included Port Warrington and the significant housing development at Walton has now been reviewed and, as I understand neither will proceed. As they were key to the plan, their removal must surely negate the need for the plan in its current state. The current proposed plan appears ill thought out and offers a lasting damaging impact on a variety of levels. Environmentally, some 1400 acres of green belt would be lost under this plan and where does it stop then? Such new build would result in:

- <!--[if !supportLists]-->> <!--[endif]-->Loss of character and nature in south Warrington
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->> <!--[endif]-->Negative Impact on air quality, biodiversity and nature
- <!--[if !supportLists]--> <!--[endif]-->Continued transportation issues due to poor infrastructure and pressure on current infrastructure

The new road that joins Chester Road to the town centre is a very positive development. The so called western link road is not needed now Port Warrington and the Walton expansion have been removed.

Would the new houses in south Warrington really be affordable? Developers need only ensure that 30% are in this category and any workers in the businesses due for the planned locale would come in from outside, again, impacting on the traffic and congestion issues.

Access to stations and the town centre for those living in any new developments would increase and transportation would become a continued and further challenge.

There is nothing in the plan as proposed that indicates any positive impact on the Town Centre and evidence of the need for growth is opaque. Where is the evidence that the town needs new housing?

In short, this plan is poorly thought through and indeed, visiting one of the displays, some of the plans were not up to date, were inaccurate and therefore misleading

With a consider approach, Warrington could become a beacon and model of renewal with the redevelopment of brownfield sites and the improvement of the town centre. There is enough wasted space to warrant building in such places. The town will not regenerate unless the development lies at its geographical heart and an imaginative response was hoped for and could still be achieved. Fresh from the all too painful challenges highlighted at the COP 26 conference this could be a very positive move.

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