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Local Plan

Subject: Local Plan - South East Extension Objection

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## Dear Planners,

I would like to object to the proposed plan because it will completely change the local landscape and it will only add to the climate crisis as new homes are built in places where there is no public transport, road use is at capacity and there are no local amenities.

I understand the need for a local plan and the need for new homes, but the current plan is not sound.

My first concern is that of public transport and infrastructure. I live near to the new developments in Appleton Cross and I walk past the new homes every day. Already there are cars parked on the kerbs; most homes appear to not have a garage and the spaces for parking adjacent to the houses is possibly too small for some of the cars. Everyone living here needs a car as the public transport system is extremely poor. I have experience of trying to get from Appleton, where I live to St Helens, where I work using public transport; I was looking at a 2 and a half hour journey, if I was lucky. After driving, cycling is the fastest means of transport. So where are the cycle lanes on the whole of the A49 and around Bridgefoot Island?

I would like to mention that on the Appleton Cross site, I have already noticed a house up for renting; clear indication of a business of a temporary home. The houses being built are not affordable homes.

The plan is already forcing people to drive so this will only feed into the air quality issues. I am already aware that the Cat and Lion junction is at capacity and there is not clear plan or suggestion as to how this can be improved.

There are no local shops or amenities so residents will need to drive just to get to their local shop, school or pub.

I am aware that the government are driving house building and the sites were designated a long time ago, but that does not mean we cannot review and change things. Where is the justification for the predicted growth and need for the houses?

The recent lockdown has highlighted the need to get into nature but this plan seeks to build on nature and destroy our local landscapes.

The plan does not appear sound. The plan appears to be only about building houses in nice places to make money. This is short sighted and positively poor planning.

How do we protect the green belt when this plan proposes to remove more of it? Without any justification.

How does this plan help in the regeneration of Warrington?

I look forward to hearing from you.

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Appleton Resident

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