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To whom it may concern,

The local plan is based on a requirement for more houses than is justified by growth estimates. Until it is proven these houses are necessary, green belt should not be used, as there are no exceptional circumstances. The current green belt boundaries were confirmed in 2014, and no recent environmental studies have been carried out to change this. Only 30% of the new housing needs to be termed affordable, and these houses will not be near facilities, nor have good public transport under current proposals. The plan uses green belt land without improving the town centre or transport links, and so will encourage private car use and add to congestion and poor air quality.

With respect to the housing development proposed at Thelwall Heys, this greenbelt site was given special landscape character status in 2004. It provides important greenspace beneficial for local people's exercise and mental health, the need for which has been demonstrated during the pandemic. The building of houses at Thelwall Heys will destroy the character of the Bridgewater canal, and threatens to downgrade adjacent greenbelt. The sprawl of housing will swamp Thelwall village, merging its unique character with Grappenhall. The increase in traffic, with a poor public transport link will turn a green space into another area contributing to Warrington's poor air quality. This increased traffic will also add to congestion on the A50.

If the plan were more realistic in housing requirements and all brown site and town centre options had been used then there may be justification for use of green belt. However this is not the case, and I object to the proposed Warrington local plan.

Yours sincerely,

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