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To whom it may concern

I am writing to strongly object to the revised development for South Warrington on the basis that the plan is not sound for all the reasons below.

Firstly the consultation process itself was not sound, the majority of the greenbelt land that will be destroyed is in the South East Urban Extension, and yet all of the council run consultations were held in the north of Warrington. This made no sense, almost as if the council wanted to make it as difficult as they could for the residents who will be directly affected by this development to attend. Consultation events should have taken place in the south of the Borough at one of the many adequate venues.

Secondly, as COP26 comes to an end, the world is trying to tackle a climate emergency; our own Council have declared a climate emergency, therefore the release of greenbelt is not sound. As a small example hedgerows are hugely important in the fight against climate change and hundreds of acres will be lost in a development that contradicts the governments own declaration of a climate emergency. Especially as the council haven't even done a recent assessment of the available brow belt land, that would be a better option all round, and yet is set to destroy the valuable Greenbelt.

Furthermore, the plan is not sound in that it fails to deal with the already vastly overloaded road system in South Warrington. The M56 and M6 motorways mean that Grappenhall, Appleton Thorn and Stretton are hit with nose to nose traffic jams every week, which causes absolute misery for the residents of those areas. The limited addition to the road network in the plan doesn't address the current problems that we have, it just links the already congested areas. As just one example that shows how those proposing the plan do not understand the current issues facing the A49, to add another set of traffic lights near the spire hospital is an insane idea based on the current traffic jams at that point.

Also the planned six56 development is immense taking 242 acres of precious Greenbelt land. It will operate 24 hours a day which will bring another negative impact to the area. The air quality impacts of will be catastrophic. The plan relies on the uptake of low emission vehicles which the National Audit Office report is not happening fast enough to meet air quality targets. Petrol and diesel cars will still be sold till 2030 and the six 56 will bring hundreds more trucks and cars to the area each week. The air quality impacts also rely on the actions in the Local Transport Plan being enacted - this plan requires a massive rethink in road structure, public transport, transport usage etc if car reliance is to be reduced. As I said, this is not being planned for and would take decades to accomplish. In the

meantime our air quality gets worse and worse and the impact can't be reversed, which is yet another reason this plan isn't sound.

To progress the plan now is not sound, given the government's latest announcements and Michael Gove's comments regarding the protection of the greenbelt and the ending of housing targets.

Yours sincerely
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Sent from my iPad