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To: Local Plan

Subject: Formal objection to proposed Local Plan

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The proposed Local Plan is fundamentally flawed and I object most strongly to the following elements:

- 1. the predicted growth in demand for additional housing is overstated and based on outdated data.
- 2. The release of green belt is wholly unjustified given the wealth of available brownfield sites which could and should be used for housing and commercial premises development. There are also vacant premises which should be repurposed for housing/ employment premises before green belt can justifiably be destroyed.(eg numerous retail units remain vacant at J9 and in the town centre).
- 3. The Council has stated commitment to the green agenda and a desire to reduce the carbon footprint of the town. The local plan is in complete contravention of this stated objective with large swathes of valuable green belt being unnecessarily offered to housing and commercial developers. This will further degrade air quality by destroying wooded areas which generate oxygen. It will damage wildlife habitats and will cause increased flood risk.

The damage already caused to South Warrington villages is devastating - don't make it any worse.

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