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Dear Sir/Madam,

I write about the Warrington Local Plan which is being considered at the moment.

I am a schoolgirl who attends Lymm High and my brother goes to St Wilfrid's School in Grappenhall. I guess we can be thought of as the future generations who will live and perhaps work in Warrington and so the local plan could affect us most.

At school we are doing a lot of work on subjects about the environment and how important it is to look after it for future generations – including my and my brother's generation! When we watch the news, the presidents and Prime Ministers speaking at COP26 all say we all need to act now. Our local parish councils have all said there is a climate emergency in Warrington too.... Everyone is saying we need to do something and it needs to start NOW! We therefore cannot understand why Warrington Council would want to destroy the natural environment around Warrington at such a critical time. If that wasn't enough these are all the places which we love to visit and spend time in with our family.

I have read in the plan documents that the council have no choice, that they have no land other than green space but how can that be right? When we look out of our dad's car window we see warehouses and large shops being built on old sites where there could be houses, yet the town centre stores are empty or even closed. We see a new huge NEW multi-story car park in the centre of town where there could have been apartments (especially as it is close to both train stations and so the owners could do without a car).

Now we see and read about the council's plan which will replace a lot of the green spaces around Warrington with houses and warehouses. But the transport systems are poor and so people will need to use cars on already packed roads which pollute the environment more (we know that Warrington is already one of the worst air polluted towns in England).

Remove trees, fields and open spaces and replace them with houses, cars and trucks - this is not a choice we would make and nor should the council.

You see there is always a choice, always another option. Just like when we go on to University, will we choose to return to a town which doesn't nurture its environment and look after its people or will we choose to go somewhere that does?

We therefore ask that you make a different choice and reconsider this plan - our futures and lives depend on it!

Yours faithfully

Scarlett & George Gould (aged 11 & 10)