

**From:** Wendy Mead [REDACTED]  
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**To:** Local Plan  
**Subject:** Local plan objection

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to further object to the amended local plan proposed for Warrington.

Whilst I fully understand and recognise the need for growth, restoration and development within the town, my primary concerns as a current South Warrington resident remain as follows:

1. Loss of greenbelt

In line with government environmental targets and recent COP26, our green belt should be preserved as much as possible and used as last resort (only when all other options are exhausted). The current local plan has huge impact on our green spaces which I am sure you are well aware are vitally important for air quality, health and mental health as well obvious impact on our wildlife, waterways and woodlands. These precious landscapes should be preserved at all costs and not be destroyed /released forever until all other brownfield sites and other areas in the town currently requiring significant regeneration (such as fiddlers ferry and all vacant office and retail units areas within the town centre) have been first prioritised, exhausted and sufficiently redeveloped. For example, the retail Park at bridgefoot is currently in bad need of regeneration with most units now empty and could easily be a site for affordable housing close to the town centre and new cinema /markets with limited impact on existing businesses (virtually all of the companies remaining there already have existing units elsewhere within the town).

2. Congestion and road infrastructure The plan proposes to build a huge number of new developments and houses away from the town centre. This will lead to increased reliance upon our roads, bridges and motorway networks across the borough that are often already heavily congested, over capacity and not fit for purpose. The additional number of vehicles associated with new houses will undoubtedly add to existing poor air quality and congestion. All of this will lead to poor health of inhabitants which will further impact on the local hospital, schools and health services which have finite resources and all of this will ultimately make Warrington a less desirable rather than a more desirable place to live.

We are already surrounded by two big cities either side which we could all move to if we wanted that way of life for ourselves or our children. In fact my husband and I actively chose to move out of the city of Manchester to Warrington specifically to reside in a smaller town, to enjoy a more rural setting and to enjoy a better quality of life with a local feel. I wholeheartedly believe that the councils plan to decimate our green belt, congest our roads and burden our services and essentially just make us an over spill and extension of Manchester and Liverpool is therefore counterintuitive to making Warrington a desirable place to live. I believe it will just lead to many of current residents having a poorer quality of life to the detriment of the town and with an impact health services or, will lead to current residents leaving the area to look for green space and fresh air to breathe elsewhere.

Thanks for your careful consideration of this matter, our futures rely upon it (no doubt including your own families and children) and therefore should not be taken lightly.

Best Regards  
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