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Sent: 14 November 2021 22:59
To: Local Plan
Subject: Re: Local plan consultation

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On 14 Nov 2021, at 22:53, Kate wrote:

I am writing to object to the local plan put forward by Warrington Borough Council. The following points are relevant to my objection and have been disregarded by the council when putting the proposal forward.

The proposed argument for the conversion of greenbelt land into development land is not a sound, especially when the brownfield options have not been exhausted within Warrington and an audit of such brownfield land needs to be undertaken across the area. It does not meet all the criteria for green belt release. There is no exceptional circumstances to loose this greenbelt across Warrington, mainly focussed on the South of Warrington. The greenbelt in this area is productive. Destroying it would leave the town poorer from an environmental perspective and peoples health would suffer and pollution would increase.

Losing this significant amount of greenbelt is staggering, especially when brownfield sites have not fully been taken into consideration and the register is not up to date for this to happen.

As I write this COP26 is going on and talks are on going about our climate and future and yet this plan considers destroying 1400 acres of green belt land, destroying the 'lungs' of the town and area forever. It is a betrayal of the community the council serves.

There is no exceptional circumstances for development to occur on Greenbelt land.

The economic growth figures behind the numbers are flawed and do not stand up. The development it considers just is not proven or even forecast. Houses developed in south Warrington will be too far away from the town centre to bring any benefit to it.

It would destroy the character and appeal of the area and town - community in every sense of the word would be lost.

The number of dwellings for south Warrington would increase commuting traffic across town and on the motorway system. The increase would lead to worsening air pollution across the area in particularly in those areas that already suffer from bad air quality. Any new crossings would not relieve this but exasperate the problem to new areas. WHO already has classed Warrington as a particular chronic levels of small particulate air pollution. The councils plan to 'clean up' the centre of Warrington has not included these areas where the are

proposing to get rid of the green belt and increase traffic levels, this is biased and questionable.

There is no clear transport strategy detail. The road infrastructure is either aspirational or not clearly planned across the local plan. The funding is not clearly set out for these infrastructure proposals.

Many regards,

Kate Freeman

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