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As a lifelong resident of Warrington, over recent years living in Appleton with my husband and 2 children. The reasons I live were I live is so that my children have the countryside on their doorstep, so they had opportunities to enjoy the freedom and the wildlife around them, so we had parks to play in and all on our doorstep, without a car needed. It is within these plans that you are trying to take away that greenspace and the freedom of other families to enjoy what we have over years. What I see out of my window is greenery and trees, what you want me to see are houses and cars. The air that I live in will be further polluted and that brings me onto the infrastructure! I live on the doorstep of the where I sit day in day out as the cars (especially during school home ours) build up waiting to get to my destination under a one way bridge, the addition of all the houses you are planning on building will have a huge impact on the area and surrounding traffic, an addition of thousands of houses each with approx 2 cars will cause congestion build up more than there already is, nowhere in your plans are there to build adequate road provisions to accommodate all the extra cars and they will have no choice but to pass under lumbrook Bridge. Thus adding a huge amount of pollution within the area of south Warrington.

On the south of Warrington there are only 2 schools, Bridgewater and Lymm the intake in these schools are already at capacity of approx 300 per year and huge classroom sizes, again no firm plans to provide further schools to accommodate the new builds these will have further impact in school numbers at the 2 high schools at a detriment to the childrens education.

Recreational facilities in South Warrington again are hugely poor, we have one leisure centre which is no longer fit for purposes having not been developed apart from 3g pitches, since I left bridgewater 30yrs ago. Fitness and health is a major positive for all, whether this is using the leisure facilities on offer or the outside space which you are proposing to take away from South Warrington. Leisure facilities for children to enjoy important sport and fitness. There are no adequate provisions again put aside for this.

In the bigger picture I also work in the local hospital where I have done for a number of years, we accept patients from all over Warrington and Halton and the hospital is already inadequate for the population as it is, if you encourage more developments and houses which will encourage people from outside of Warrington, therefore increasing Warrington population, therefore bigger pressures on the already under pressure hospital! The hospital has had little development in a&e or bed provisions even with all the new builds over last 20 years and is struggling with capacity with current population. People are sitting within the departments for hours waiting to be seen, hours spent waiting for beds in the hospital, staff are under constant pressures (all this being put on COVID but COVID has nothing to do with it!), add to these pressures increased population due to homes being built and the hospital is even less fit for purpose! Homes will need not bring income to Warrington or help with our local economy as these people will utilise the motorway networks travelling to areas such as Liverpool and Manchester.

To conclude the local plan will not bring any positive outcome to the residents of Warrington, it will bring added congestion, pollution, pressures on school resources and the Hospital, it will loose important green space and open land for all residents living in the south of Warrington resulting in a detriment to the health and well being of families.

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