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To: Local Plan
Subject: Objection to green belt development

Dear Sir/Madam

I am deeply concerned by the local plan proposed by W.B.C.
I feel it is unsound and totally the wrong plan for Warrington for the following reasons.

- 1- The proposed development of green belt land is totally unnecessary and should be scrapped. It does not meet the exceptional circumstances needed which are set out in NPPF. The loss of green belt land would have a devastating effect on local wildlife and biodiversity. The population of local wildlife is already under massive threat with numbers of species falling. Action is needed now to make sure insects and mammals do not become extinct. We should be preserving and enhancing this land by planting more trees to help the battle against climate change not destroying it and speeding it up. Developing open green spaces will cause more flooding as this land acts as a sponge and absorbs excess rainfall. W.B.C has declared a climate emergency now is the time to act.
- 2-The over development surrounding rural villages will destroy their character and identity.
- 3-I feel not enough is being done in Warrington to develop brownfield sites first there are brownfield sites available now and many more will become available during the plan period.
- 4-Development of the town centre and surrounding areas should be a priority as there is less need to drive to access shops and amenities. The need to build new roads for proposed developments should be avoided at all costs by building houses out in the countryside it is encouraging people to drive more. This causes more pollution to Warringtons already poor air quality.
- 5- The proposed development of six 56 would have a detrimental effect on the already congested motorway junctions and local roads. It would also cause more air pollution and cause health and respiratory problems to the people of Warrington. This proposed development is on green belt land yet it does not meet the criteria of exceptional circumstances needed for its destruction. The proposed Eddie Stobart development on green belt land was refused by the government, I don't see how this is any different. If land is needed for employment use it should be brownfield only.
- 6-The proposed infrastructure for any development which does not already have sufficient transport links is not sound as it is just a wish list. There is no clear plan where the money will come from to fund the infrastructure needed.
- 7- The conservative government claimed in their manifesto that green belt land would be protected. The local labour run W.B.C has stated that it is with reluctance that development is proposed in the green belt, but has no choice. Boris Johnson recently stated that house building should not be on green belt land. It's time local councils and the government worked together and delivered on their promises.

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