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Subject: Local plan objections

To whom it may concern

I am writing to object to the current local plan proposals based on the following and rather obvious issues: -

- The plan does not detail how already stretched services will be catered for such as schooling/medical and public transport, how will these be developed and funded. It currently takes hours for residents to get through to important services like Stockton Heath medical centre, the tip, or to see a desperate friend or family member. Adding thousands more houses into the area will implode already overstretched services. Whilst more worthy causes like long overdue improvements to public services such as Broomfields recreation centre have been left to decline for decades (which has now also become unsafe with leaking issues to name but a few).
- The plan relies upon developers and other external funding to facilitate the works, is this approach realistic and deliverable given examples of this not being delivered elsewhere
- The plan doesn't allow for increased traffic pollution and infrastructure issues on already overwhelmed roads. Peel Holdings haven't serviced the swing bridges for years and it only takes them to swing in peak hours for the whole area to be ground to a halt with current traffic levels. Adding thousands for more vehicles on the already bloated routes is not viable. Essentially the plan will make the entire area a car park
- The number of new homes to be built is higher than the most recent growth estimates – are the numbers the report is based on therefore really reliable? Or are we planning on laying on cruise ships now to allow even more immigrants (many of whom are not even bona fide refugees fleeing warring countries etc and instead have ulterior or even unsavory motives – as they're not been checked properly too) to move on to our already "overpopulated" shores??
- And if you do force through these absurd housing developments won't policing have to be increased then too?? As with affordable housing and given the fact that this country and its many past and present governments have allowed an easy to claim benefit culture to permeate which has now added a lot of delinquents and low level individuals to live and walk amongst us – I fully expect to see a surge in crime, and I hope you've also factored in for potentially needing to redevelop and extend Warrington Hospital too! Where this money would be much better spent – on knocking down and building a new general hospital for Warrington, again another long overdue and more worthwhile investment that would be beneficial to our community than adding in more needless housing and ripping up greenbelt whilst you're at it.
- The timescales for the plan are also illogical, surely this should be reduced and understood better on a phased built basis so that actions can be adjusted based on unforeseen issues that may arise
- Other brown field sites appear to have not been fully explored before moving to build on green space. The report fails to demonstrate that these areas are fully developed before the green spaces are lost forever. We all know greenfield is cheaper for developers, however please put residents before commercial greed.
- Is the release of greenbelt fully justified given the false/outdated information the report is using

- The plan focuses on the large area of greenbelt M6/M56 – mainly focused on logistics. Is this really the ambition we want for Warrington to be a logistics hub for low paid/lower skilled jobs. Surely we want to bring employers to the area that provide long term skilled jobs for the area – i.e. we could become an engineering hub for the UK
- Finally and quite laughably we received a letter from the council recently at half term asking parents of year 5 and 6 children to not gather together with other pupils over the half term and undertake activities outdoors. The letter stating for us to “ enjoy the many green spaces in the area” the same green spaces you are about to annihilate in this ill thought out programme. Given COP26 green spaces are more needed than ever and we must do all we can to focus on brownfield sites – such as the Unilever/Fiddlers ferry sites before moving to greenfield. For once can WBC please not be led by the nose by developers and show some ambition for their residents.

I live in hope that some sense will finally prevail in this madness and that this shortsightedness and greed will be for once put aside in exchange for checking in with your morale compasses and conscience’s.

Yours sincerely

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