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To: Local Plan

To whom it may concern

I am writing to raise my objections to the local plan that has been proposed for South Warrington.

I believe the plan is unsound as there is no case for the housing numbers in the the plan. The 2018 ONS data predicts significantly lower growth figures for the town. The data shows a projected housing requirement of 458 homes per annum verses the plans 816 used. The Plan has not taken into account the new figures. The data is also a starting point, not a target as stated by Christopher Pincher MP (Housing Minister) in parliament on the 2nd of March 2021.

The local plan is also unsound as Warrington has an urban capacity of approximately 11,800 homes that could be built on brownfield sites, there is sufficient Brownfield land to support a 14 1/2 year building program. Therefore there is no need to release any greenbelt until sometime well beyond the first decade of this plan. This should be the priority of the Council, not the release of the greenbelt. They also have some £1.7 billion of borrowings much of which relates to investments. The council should focus on these as the capital recovered could be put to local use in regeneration of the Brownfield sites.

The release of the precious greenbelt surrounding the town and in particular the South East Urban Extension will create further car dependent suburbs, adding another 8000 cars with the 4200 homes, leading to further congestion, pollution and impact on the climate. This would be a huge hypocrisy as we host COP26 to reduce all of these things and save the world from climate change.

The plan is unsound because of it's six56 development. It fails to understand that the huge warehouse system will bring thousands of trucks to the local motorway network and roads. These roads are already heavily congested and regularly are completely jammed for hours on end each week when there is a crash on either the M6 or M56. This is intensified by there only being two bridges that can take all traffic over the canal and both of those are swing bridges that are regularly opened to let boats through, causing more chaos. They are also poorly maintained and often get stuck while open causing queues for miles.

This plan is unsound and gives no thought to the environment or the residents of the local area.

Yours sincerely
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