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**To:** Local Plan  
**Subject:** Objection to Warrington Local Plan

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to raise my concerns and strong objection to the 'The Local Plan'.

I have lived in Thelwall and the surrounding area all of my life and I believe the plans are unacceptable for the following reasons:

- **Traffic local area**– I believe the increase in traffic and cars will be unbearable to an already busy main Knutsford Road. It is a very busy direct link to the motorway network for all of South Warrington. A potential addition of over 600 new cars (2 per household) for Thelwall Hayes alone would mean a massive increase of traffic. Having lived in Thelwall all of my life, I know how busy the road is on a daily basis (at rush hour awful) and how ridiculous it can be when there is an incident/accident on the motorway as the whole road snarls up to the motorway connection with cars trying to get through Thelwall as a means to Warrington. This road cannot cope with more traffic!! More cars on this road will mean the motorways become backed up too and that is an even bigger problem.
- **Traffic to Warrington** – more houses in this area will undoubtedly go through Latchford to get to Warrington Town centre. I personally have never used the motorway to get into Warrington town therefore I know that all of these new cars will put a massive strain on the roads and links into town. I am very concerned about the old swing bridges in Latchford and Stockton Heath which already are too heavily used! There is no clear, logical and achievable plan to improve the road network!
- **Thelwall Hayes entrance/exit via Cliff Lane** – the entrance and exit to any new housing estate on Thelwall Hayes will be a complete nightmare! Knutsford Road is very difficult to pull out of/into at the best of times with traffic from both directions speeding up to the 40 or slowing down. I feel people will go under the low canal bridge on Cliff Lane which can only have 1 car at a time. This will be very dangerous and completely clog up this road!
- **Flooding**- whenever there is heavy rain, Cliff Lane/Weaste Lane in particular flood shockingly! I can't believe that an idea for a housing estate has been suggested here when the link on Cliff Lane floods so terrible and under the canal bridge is completely impassable! All the fields around Thelwall Hayes flood! I most certainly would not want to buy a house on a flooding plane!
- **Air Pollution** – I believe the new plan will be catastrophic for the air quality in the local area which is already heavily polluted by the M6 traffic. I live on Cuerdon Drive therefore I will be directly affected by the traffic pollution. I have two young children whom I need to protect which means ensuring that the area in which they grow up is safe and clean. This is one of the main reason why we chose to raise our children in this area. My husband is also asthmatic so an increase in traffic and air pollution will have a direct and negative impact on his health.
- **Green Belt** – the idea of destroying beloved Green Belt land to create more houses that CAN and SHOULD be built else (on more appropriate brown belt sites in Warrington which are closer to the town centre) is shocking! When this land was granted Green Belt status and when plans to develop this area in the past were quashed, it was made clear that this area is a particularly beautiful example of Green Belt. It is the beauty of England through and through! Thelwall Hayes in particular is not just a collection of fields- it is a picturesque and thriving natural setting full of habitats and life! It should not be regarded as 'free land' or a simple bit of available green space. Just to look at it, there is no comparison between Thelwall Hayes and a typical farmer's field.
- **Local amenities/ schools**- with such a dramatic increase in the local population there are no plans for additional amenities for the local area. I am very concerned about doctors as all of the surrounding area is supported by 2 surgeries (Lymm and Stockton Heath). Lakeside surgery in Lymm has an additional surgery in Grappenhall however this is only a link surgery where doctors work part time and there is

limited availability. Local primary schools are also a huge issue! I work in one of the local primary schools and I can safely say all local schools have maximum capacity and a full intake for Reception classes. New houses invariably bring new children and these families will have nowhere local to send their children to school!

This matter is so close to the hearts of so many local people, please listen to us and make the right decision! The 'Local Plan' is the wrong plan!

Yours Sincerely,

Sarah Crebbin