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To whom it may concern

We have read the revised local plan and totally reject this 'new Local plan' and have the following points to raise:

* First of all why has the plan changed? We can see no viable reasons for change of such magnitude and upheaval to the lives of people south of the Mersey, not to mention the devastating attack on the countryside.

Since Brexit and the objective of Brussels to bring us to our knees we are realising that as a very populous island we need to become more self sufficient especially in food production. This plan destroys huge areas of agricultural land to be replaced by hugely expensive (for buyers) and profitable (for the developers) housing.

Additionally the impact of loss of green belt and open areas for walking and general enjoyment of the countryside will have a detrimental effect on our local populations mental health and well being. Many local people use the areas proposed for development, as do visitors from outside the area, for getting out into the open 'and fresh air' and relieving the stresses of everyday life and 'lifting the spirits'. The proposals will destroy this; a fact that can clearly be demonstrated by the huge amount of development which happened in Lymm which used to be open fields and can already be felt on Grappenhall Heyes; as when you walk there now and you feel hemmed in and quite depressed.

The new Local plan is wrong and as far as we can see there is no justification for the predicted growth other than aiming to become part of Greater Manchester and to try to claw back the massive debt the council has landed us with, a fact that does not give any confidence in anything proposed by the planning committee!

* There is little detail, apart from the number of houses proposed, and the destruction of large areas of green belt land and access, on how these plans are to be delivered.

How will you cope with the increasing burdens on the transport infrastructure especially with only three antiquated bridges which are already overstretched?

Knutsford Road is already very busy and often becomes a 'car park' when there are problems on the motorways and as a consequence the A roads already become congested with drivers trying to find alternative routes. This will only increase with additional housing and warehousing facilities and will be a nightmare especially gaining access and coping with increased lorry traffic.

* Pollution will definitely increase, for example, Thelwall Heys getting 310 houses will mean probably an extra 600+ cars all spilling onto the A50, a difficult exercise even now.

Furthermore there is increased evidence about the impact of vehicle emissions on health; particularly lung function and heart problems and councils are being taken to task about this. Has the council even considered the impact the additional housing and warehousing will have on health care services?, which are already stretched to the limit in almost every aspect of healthcare delivery and which is predicted to only get worse.

Have the councils consulted with Warrington's CCG/PCNs to discuss the potential impact and agree a plan?

What plans are there to enable these massive changes, for example additional education facilities and policing and additional infrastructure?

This plan has all the hallmarks of panic brought about by political pressure and limited vision. On the plus side it is a field day for developers !!

Yours

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