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To: Local Plan
Subject: Draft Local Plan (2021) - Policy MD5, Thelwall Heyes - STRONG OBJECTION
Attachments: G&T VDS _ P.16.jpg

I strongly object to Policy MD5 of the Draft Local Plan, which is almost frivolously dismissive of the site as it “makes a weak contribution to the objectives of the Green Belt”.

Justification

The Village Design Statement for Grappenhall and Thelwall (VDS), promoted by Grappenhall and Thelwall Parish Council, was finalised in 2003 and subsequently adopted by Warrington Borough Council as Supplementary Planning Guidance.

This is an authoritative document which was the culmination of over two years of studies, research and public consultations by teams of local residents working together with local and Parish Councillors and which is as relevant today as it was then.

The case for retaining the site in the Green belt is set out fully and succinctly on Page 16 of the VDS (copy attached) and concludes with the recommendation -

“The preservation and protection of Thelwall Heyes is without doubt the most important issue affecting both communities and it is essential for it to be designated as Green Belt.”

The most obvious explanation for including the site in the Draft Plan is that it would provide an early boost to housing numbers in the first years of the Plan period but this would be a wholly inadequate justification for overturning the established long-term policy for the site. For this reason I consider Policy MD5 to be UNSOUND.

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