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To: Local Plan
Subject: Objection to south east urban Warrington extension

To whom it may concern

I am writing as a resident of [REDACTED] Appleton/stretton to complain about the plans to extensively build around our villages.

I moved to Warrington in 2013 from rural Cumbria & picked this location due to great schools & a sense of community within the green belt. The extensive building over the last 2 years has led to near 800 homes being built in south Appleton, stretton & Appleton Thorn which has blotted the fields & increased traffic on an already congested road network. The impacts from these 3 areas of housing development can already be felt & you plan to build thousands more in a small space which has a major road artery through with the A49 that can be slow moving & back up quickly with the traffic lights at the cat & lion pub & the adjoining roads are interconnecting small urban roads designed for lower traffic use with no paths, crossing or stopping areas.

When ever there is an accident or motorway problem on the M56 or M6 these surrounding villages feel the weight of the traffic rushing to get through Warrington & cross the Mersey which makes it very difficult for locals to get anywhere. This situation will significantly worsen with all the proposed new housing & will dramatically change the fabric of our communities.

The consultant period has been woeful & it is exhausting being a resident & perpetually going through Warrington council changing plans & resubmitting even though they have been rejected previously by residents & government. The current plans have minor differences to those previously submitted & do not add to or improve the community we live in. The new houses by St Matthews school have added no additional community provision with the exception of a low quality park area.

Through researching the plans & the local community campaigns I see no justification for destroying green belt land when there are other areas of land which could be remediated & released for housing.

Warrington claims to be an area offering skilled employment however all I see submitted are plans for warehousing or distribution centres which do not attract highly skilled individuals that would want to move into the area. Therefore Warrington could end up with the opposite effect from these plans & push skilled employees and higher wage earners out of the area and further into Cheshire where housing prices can be lower & there is less urban sprawl.

Along with the other residents complaints I would like my points considered & would hope Warrington council & planning start to listen to their residents & act to create a town that works with its communities rather than against them.

Kind regards
Joanne Griffin

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