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**To Warrington Planning Committee. 15 November 2021**

I am writing to object to the Warrington Local Development Plan. Here are my main objections.

**Green belt.** The plan involves a significant loss of designated green belt land in South Warrington. This is an extremely valuable resource and its loss is irreversible. This asset must be maintained for the wellbeing and enjoyment for the people of Warrington. It has important environmental and ecological advantages. Its purpose is partly to stop urban sprawl – exactly what is happening here. I understand the green belt boundary was determined a few years ago and that it was fixed for many more years and this should be adhered to. There is already a lot of development in Pewterspear and Appleton Thorn. New brown field sites will become available over the 20 year period of the plan and the green belt should be saved.

**Infrastructure.** There are no new planned routes into the town centre from the south. It is a problem because the Bridgewater Canal and Manchester Ship Canal have to be crossed and the existing routes rely on swing bridges and single track roads, e.g. at Lumb Brook Road. The existing roads are already at capacity and there often long delays, particularly on the A49 through Stockton Heath. The plan will lead to south Warrington will becoming a commuter belt for Manchester, Chester and Liverpool. This will add to the already congested motorways with the associated emissions, poor air quality and environmental impact. The plan needs to include neighbouring councils, Salford, Manchester, Runcorn and Northwich to create a joined-up approach. Also, the plan shows a new junction on the A49 near junction 10 of the M56 but there are no details and this needs to be clarified.

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