

**From:** Ruth Collier [REDACTED]  
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**To:** Local Plan  
**Subject:** Local Plan

To whom it may concern,  
I am writing to oppose the Local Plan in its current form for the following reasons:  
Unacceptable use of Green Belt

- I think it is wholly inappropriate to even consider the use of our precious Green Belt without first exhausting all brown field sites available. There are brownfield sites near the Town Centre which could be utilised which wouldn't lead to further destruction of the Green Belt. Once developed on it will be lost forever and at this stage, there are other options available which should be prioritised.
- I cannot see that the ecological and environmental impact of the loss of Green Belt has been properly assessed and the boundaries confirmed 7 years ago were intended to last for 20 years.
- The South is going to be extremely impacted by the loss of Green Belt even though it has been reduced to 5% of Warrington's total. Why is the South being targeted in this manner?

#### Inclusion of Thelwall Heys

- A 2004 planning inquiry found that this part of the Green Belt was not suitable for development – what has changed?
- The land in question regularly floods and I cannot see that anything has been included in the plan to explain how this issue would be resolved.
- There are bats within the area proposed for development which are supposed to be fully protected by law.
- There is no indication of how this site would be accessed or any consideration for the impact on locals over the proposed 10 year development.
- Local schools are already over-crowded and yet there is nothing confirmed in the plan about any additional local amenities or schools proposed. Does our children's education mean nothing anymore?

#### Infrastructure/Air Pollution

- We have some of the worst air pollution across the UK and the proposed plan wants to increase this with the inclusion of things like Six56. What is being done to tackle the damage being caused to our future generations?!
- There is no plan for managing the impact of 4200 additional houses on our existing roads. Our roads are already heavily congested (again increasing air pollution) and any disruption to traffic e.g. motorway lane closures already causes standstill traffic throughout Warrington. Increasing this reliance completely goes against the UK's climate change aspirations.
- This version of the plan still relies on the use of three old swing bridges which are already not adequate enough for the current number of houses.

#### The revised plan is not fit for purpose

- There is no convincing argument for what the 'exceptional circumstances' are for development on the Green Belt

- There is no detail provided to support how this plan will preserve the character of Warrington which is meant to be one of Warrington Councils policy objectives.
- Without full detail of plans for our roads and accessibility of the South Warrington residents attempting to travel into town, the plan cannot be fully understood or judged properly.
- Housing numbers are unrealistic and have never before been achievable therefore there is no confidence that this plan could even be delivered.
- There is no justification for the predicted growth that this plan has been developed for

Regards

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