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To: Local Plan

Subject: Local Plan Objection

To WBC,

I wish to register my objections to the 2021 Local Plan, specifically to the plans for the South Warrington Urban Extension which are wholly unsound for the following reasons:

- 1. Destruction of Green belt land in South Warrington is unjustified. There are no "exceptional circumstances" to use this land for domestic or employment purposes. There are sufficient Brownfield sites available in the immediate Warrington area that could be utilised for redevelopment. These brownfield sites would be closer to existing infrastructure and amenities, meaning less reliance on the car as the only mode of transport for people to get from A to B. The UK is currently leading a global green agenda, putting plans in place to protect the climate and the environment. This current plan to destroy swathes of green belt in South Warrington is in complete contradiction to the current global consensus to protect the environment and prevent climate change proliferation. In any event, Brownfield sites should be developed first within any plan to ensure that they are redeveloped and Greenfield is not used as the easy option for developers and WBC.
- 2. South Warrington is uniquely positioned and land-locked between motorways, rivers and canals, resulting in current challenges for its infrastructure and traffic. The only new roads being proposed simply open up the land for development. There are no plans to manage the impact of over 4000 new homes on the existing roads and infrastructure. The bottlenecks which currently exist travelling from the South to the North of Warrington (Victorian swing bridges, Stockton Health A49, Bridgewater canal single track bridge and tunnel) will only get worse if this new plan is adopted.
- 3. The proposals for new housing in South Warrington will result in increased reliance on the car for these new residents due to the fact that well connected public transport in the area is non-existent. Increasing reliance on road traffic is contrary to the UK 's Climate Change aspirations.
- 4. The new plan does little to address the current Air Pollution problems that exist in South Warrington. For example, it will directly result in increased levels of traffic through Stockton Heath, thus making the air pollution greater. This is contrary to the UK's drive to reduce air pollution and improve the quality of life and well being of its citizens.

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