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**From:** Kim Holt [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 15 November 2021 12:51  
**To:** Local Plan  
**Subject:** Objection to Draft Local Plan 2021

Dear WBC,

I wish to place an objection to the Draft Local Plan and as a resident of Grappenhall, specifically to the proposed urban extension development in South East Warrington. My reasons are summarised below.

- There is no strong evidence in the plan for the predicted growth in population and need for such drastic large scale developments.
- I strongly object to any area of greenbelt being used to develop housing which is already in short supply. Although only 5% of greenbelt would be developed, 1000 out of 1400 acres proposed for development is in the South Warrington area.
- In our free time, our family enjoys walking in the green/open spaces and woodland in the local area. The proposed development along Stockton Lane and Broad Lane would destroy the landscape and character of the area and significantly impact the ability to enjoy these walks. It is already extremely distressing to see the destruction of fields and forest either side of the path leading up to Grappenhall Walled Garden which is currently taking place. Our children have commented on how much this upsets them.
- Development/removal of these greenbelt/open spaces is harmful/destructive to local ecology and wildlife and impacts climate change.
- Removal of green space and increased traffic and pollution and decline in air quality is detrimental to health and wellbeing.
- Significant changes to infrastructure (education, health services, transport) would be needed to make this plan feasible which is not adequately explained in the plan. There is no guarantee that infrastructure will be improved once housing development is completed.
- The roads from South Warrington leading into the town centre are already over capacity and congested particularly over the Latchford swing bridge when traffic is diverted off the M6 motorway due to incidents or the bridge is in operation.
- Public transport in South Warrington is already poor and would be put under further pressure under these plans.
- Local schools are already full or over subscribed. Our children attend St Wilfrid's primary school which, being located in the small village of Grappenhall, means the surrounding roads and pavements are already congested at peak times.
- More emphasis should be placed on developing/regenerating the town centre for housing and infrastructure providing job opportunities, better transport and more pleasurable social activities such as shopping, restaurants etc as an alternative or to at least to support this plan.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Kimberley Lofthouse  
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