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From: Lucy Good [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 November 2021 13:30
To: Local Plan
Subject: Local plan representation

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Warrington Borough Council Local Plan: Preferred Development Option Consultation 2021.

I wish to register my objection to the councils Local Plan Preferred Development Option (PDO).

My principal reasons for objecting to the PDO are:

1. The unjustified release of green belt (especially the Thelwall Heyes plan)
2. The lack of exceptional circumstances for reclassifying the green belt
3. The development of large parts of South Warrington
4. The negative impact on the environment from the proposals
5. The impact on health of the town's residents with all the additional traffic

If I wanted to live in a city I would have bought a house in Manchester or Liverpool. The countryside and village nature of the south part of Warrington is one the reasons I live here. The existing green-belt land is barely enough to stop urban sprawl consuming everything. If the green-belt is built on, then we will lose the distinct culture and nature of these areas.

I am a local business woman and use the Trans-Pennine trail and the surrounding green-belt land on a daily basis. My business will be severely impacted by the proposed local plan PDO. Additionally I know many other local businesses that rely on the suggested development areas who be equally affected. As far as I am aware the council does not appear to have assessed the impact these changes will have on existing businesses and the local economy. The massive development suggested in the local plan PDO will be catastrophic for the environment and the health of the council's constituents. Warrington already has the second highest air pollution levels in the North-West (World Health Organization study 2016) and the proposals put forward in the local plan PDO would dwarf the current levels. The additional pollution caused by even more houses and cars is clearly not in line with the councils 'climate crisis' policies.

Clearly there is a need to build more houses in the UK, however, since the pandemic the nature of people's work has changed and the PDO does nothing to reflect this. Building large houses on green belt land for commuters to other towns is not the way forward. Brown field development and redevelopment of the town center for housing where good public transport links are available should be seen as the way forward.

I urge the council to work with the local residents to protect and enhance the green-belt land. The UK countryside is a valuable and diminishing resource and once it's gone we will all be much worse off, especially the future generations.

Yours sincerely
Mrs Lucy Good

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