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Dear Sir/Madam

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

I wish to object in the strongest terms to the current 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

Having read the councils PDO document and attending several consultation meetings I am frankly appalled at the councils continuing attempts to build on what little green belt is left. In particular I would like to oppose (in the strongest terms) to the proposed development in Thelwall. If the proposed development goes ahead there will be no fields apart from parks within the boundaries of Thelwall. In the current climate crises, the world finds itself in taking the last remaining green belt area within Thelwall to build more houses on is ridiculous. The impact to nature within the area will be substantial and the additional pollution caused by even more houses and cars is clearly not in line with the councils 'climate crisis' policies. If the council is serious about its climate change credentials, then any PDO should have as its primary target zero green belt release. Indeed, the council should be actively seeking to improve and expand the green belt. The PDO does not appear to consider the environmental impact of its plans, the green belt is there for a reason and should be protected.

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. Additionally, the housing the PDO proposes to build are large (read expensive) homes with big gardens located in the least densely populated and more expensive areas of the town. The PDO does not consider the type of houses Warrington really requires; affordable housing for those trying to get onto the property ladder and smaller properties for elderly residents who would like to downsize. With regards to the proposed transport infrastructure to support the PDO, I would like to raise the following points.

1. Warrington already is at critical saturation point with regards to traffic. The increase in traffic the PDO would produce would take us well over this threshold
2. The young and the elderly require housing with good transport links and not endless car queues across the ship canal

3. The 2016 study by the World Health Organization ranked Warrington as having the second highest air pollution levels in the North West. The PDO would make this situation far worse with dire health consequences the Warrington residents

Yours sincerely

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