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Sent: 15 November 2021 14:19
To: Local Plan
Subject: FW: Objection to local plan - South East Warrington Urban Extension

Dears Sirs,

I am writing to object to the Local Plan for the following reasons:

- Large areas of green belt are being released whilst not using brown field sites within Warrington, this will only start the erosion of the Green belt areas around South East Warrington
- The Council officers have failed to carry out the necessary ecological, transport and air quality surveys that would have informed a robust and sustainable plan.
- Number of houses planned to be build: there have been two Objectively Assessed Needs studies which have come up with lower number of houses, which is not reflected in this plan. Also assumptions made about economic and population growth, these should be reassessed following the slow down in the economy. This will mean not as many houses will be required. There is also no consideration for multigenerational housing, bungalows, nursing homes etc or housing that meets the demographics over the next 20 years
- Increased population will place a significant burden on an already over-stretched and under-resourced health care system. What provisions have been proposed for secondary care, national shortage of general practitioners which re currently oversubscribed in the areas, community carers, mental health practitioners etc?
- Majority of the proposed housing to be located in the least densely populated and more expensive areas of the town. Unaffordability but high council tax providing high return for the council.
- Regeneration of brownfield sites should be priority and used to meet the housing requirements for the increased population due to economic growth.
- Green belt was created to check the unrestricted sprawl of large built up areas in Warrington and the preservation of setting , historic and special character. Also to provide green space , woods wild life and natural habitats and agricultural land
The release of green belt should not be considered as indicated in the Local Plan as it promotes urban sprawl, and will join up the parishes of Lymm Thelwall Grappenhall, Appleton, Stretton and Hatton such that they will lose parish identity. This is entirely contrary to the ethos of the green belt and should not be used as a basis for exceptional circumstances. The use of green belt outlined in the plans that has been presented by WBC does not justify use as no exceptional circumstances have been sited to justify a change.
- The damage to countryside supporting wildlife is irreversible
- No transport modelling has been carried, the infrastructure feasibility study results are still to be completed and published.

- The proposed infrastructure in the Local Plan has been put in to open the green belt. No plans to manage increased traffic on existing roads, only one new crossing over the Bridgewater canal is planned
- No consideration has been made for environmentally friendly transport, park and ride, bicycle routes, walk ways, etc. what is the Councils environment policy – it is currently not meeting the air pollution standards , more cars from new housing with more roads is all that is proposed. In a 2016 study by the World Health Organisation Warrington was recorded as having the 2nd highest air pollution levels in the North West. This development will only increase pollution impacting on health
- What is WBC green policy, what environmental impact would it have ? surely there should be a move to reduce cars, building a more environmentally friendly town - less cars more healthy ways to travel.
- Taking away green environment will be taken from people in the area who walk, ride, take in wildlife. What about air pollution, air quality, noise visual impact of such a change
- Considerable blight to surrounding houses and neighbourhoods and destroy the community feel which attracts and retains residents in the areas around Warrington.
- No studies on how the proposed Local plan is at risk to flooding
- Six56 is putting more logistics on a congested junction which when backed up takes traffic through Thelwall, Grappenhall and surrounding areas which are busy already, creating more traffic air pollution noise etc
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