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As a life-long resident of Warrington, I wish to register my objection to the Local Plan.

I outline the main points of my objection.

- Huge house building schemes - much of it on Green Belt land and much of it in South Warrington beautiful villages surrounded by equally beautiful Green Belt land.
- WBC claims that they are following guidelines set by the Government on the amount of new houses built. Apparently, the figures are set by using the 2014 population growth data. It appears from the population growth data that the population grown between 2019 and 2039 will be 21k. So at 2.3 persons per home, that equates to 9k. So why have WBC deemed a house build of a much higher figure? Is it more to do with the Council wanting to make Warrington a city? A completely ridiculous aspiration. The Councillors may want to make Warrington a city - but as the recent petition showed, there is no appetite for it amongst the electorate. The Local Plan states that the Green Belt should only be used in exceptional circumstances. Building more houses is not an exceptional circumstance!
- Overwhelming construction of commercial premises in Appleton Thorn and Grappenhall, again on Green Belt land.
- Massive increase in traffic that the building of new houses and commercial premises will generate.
- Warrington already has a terrible record for pollution and poor air quality and has been identified by the World Health Organisation as one of the worst polluted towns in the country. A massive problem, which to the Council should have been addressed years ago. The over-development of our town can only add to this problem. The Government is committed to net zero UK carbon emissions. How can Warrington possibly attain net zero with the amount of development, especially building on Green Belt land? The decimation of green spaces flies in the face of the Government's environmental plan; it states "we will conserve and enhance the beauty of our natural environment and make sure it can be enjoyed, used by and cared for by everyone. We will do this by:
  - safeguarding and enhancing the beauty of our natural scenery and improving its environment, while being sensitive to considerations of its heritage
  - making sure that there are high quality, accessible, natural spaces close to where people live, particularly in urban areas, and encouraging more people to spend time in them to benefit their physical and mental wellbeing.
  - focusing on increasing action to improve the environment for all sectors of society".
- Lack of infrastructure - Warrington is already in need of a huge enhancement to its infrastructure to accommodate its residents (let alone the addition of occupants of thousands of new dwellings) - our roads cannot cope with increasing traffic needs; traffic jams are a daily frustrating occurrence; when there is an accident on the main road the town grinds to a stand-still. Schools and doctors' surgeries are over-subscribed, our hospital has a real shortage of beds. Warrington is a riparian town, and as such has real problems with traffic; our roads were not designed to accommodate the current population, let alone accommodate a huge influx of people. A further increase in population that would bring, which would be catastrophic and is just not sustainable.

Regards

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