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Sent: 15 November 2021 16:06
To: Local Plan
Subject: Local plan objection

Dear sir or madam

Thanks for the opportunity to object to Warrington's local plan. I am objecting on the basis that:

1. The planned housing disproportionately affects South Warrington.
2. South Warrington has very little local authority run infrastructure to serve these houses. There is no leisure, centre, no library, no train station, no cycle ways.
3. The plans will change Warrington from a mixed urban-rural area to a fully urban area. As a district local authority, the area does not have the funding to be able to support this. Warrington is already one of the most densely populated local authority areas in England that does not have the status of a metropolitan area.

I have lived in lots of places around England (Hertfordshire, Leicester, Chester and York). Without doubt, Grappenhall is the least well served in terms of local services and amenities. The best thing about living here is the countryside and the development planned will make is a much less nice place to live. There is brownfield land in Warrington and Grappenhall village that should be the priority for development, especially given the pressing need to conserve biodiversity to slow climate change.

Given the above, I think the local authority should suspend the local plan consultation until the Ministry for Levelling Up has announced the changes in planning. It is likely that Warrington's target housing numbers will fall, and there will be less need to build in the Green Belt.

If the local plan consultation is not suspended, can you confirm that Warrington Council is working with its neighbouring metropolitan districts to ensure the town benefits from the level of infrastructure investment needed to serve this growing urban area?

Thanks very much., I look forward to hearing from you.
Sophie

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